

ROBERT QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

In consequence of the Small-Pox being in my family, it has been out of my power to forward the Quarterly Returns and Pay Rolls for the Garrison at an earlier period than the present. I now enclose the Return of Military Stores, accompanied by the usual pay rolls. Since making out the Returns of Military Stores, the 4-pounder therein mentioned has been delivered to Capt. Boyer, of Staunton, by order of the Honorable Executive.

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August 5,
Barracks

I presume the usual advance in money will be deemed necessary by the Honorable Board.

I have, &c.

MR. LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. Latrobe presents his most respectful compliments to the Honorable the Executive of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Being present in the Lodge of Free Masons at the time when the letter of Postponement of the Ceremony of laying the foundation stone was read, and the Lodge having resolved to adjourn the meeting, if consented to by the Executive, to Saturday, the 12th instant, Mr. Latrobe begs, in conformity to the wish of the Master of the Lodge, to assure the Executive that no delay in the progress of the work will be the consequence of so long an adjournment, as the workmen may proceed with the walls of inclosure connected with the gate.

August 7,
Free
Mason's Hall

IN THE RICHMOND LODGE, No. 10, 7th August, 1797.

Whereas the Worshipful Master has given information that the Lodges were convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Penitentiary House, agreeably to the request of the Honorable Executive of the State, but at the same time, from the badness of the weather and other causes, the meeting appears not to be sufficiently numerous to lay the said stone with propriety, and as it seems that no material inconvenience will arise from a postponement thereof,

Resolved, therefore, That the laying of the said stone be postponed until Saturday next.

Resolved, also, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Worshipful Master of the Manchester Lodge, No. 14, and the Saint John's Lodge, No. 36, and also to the Honorable the Executive.

NATHANIEL W. PRICE,
Master Richmond Lodge, No. 10.

Approved at same time.

W. H. FITZWHYLLSON,
Master R. R. L., No. 19.

By order.

NATH'L SELDEN, Sec'y P. T.

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August 9

The following commissions issued this day by the Governor of the Commonwealth, viz:

To Robert Boyd, upon the recommendation of the court of King and Queen, to be Captain of a Light Infantry Company in the second Battalion of the Ninth Regiment of the fourteenth Brigade and fourth Division of the Militia.

To William Morgan, with the advice of the Council of State, to be Lieutenant in the second Battalion of the Ninth Regiment, the fourteenth Brigade, and fourth Division of the Militia.

To Richard Corbin, with the advice of the Council of State, to be Ensign in a Company of Light Infantry to the Second Battalion of the Ninth Regiment, the fourteenth Brigade, and fourth Division of Militia.

ROBT. JOHNSON TO ARCHIBALD STUART.

August 9,
Kentucky

I have rec'd a copy of the Resolution passed by the Virginia Assembly, last session, concerning the Boundary Line between the two States, advising the Commissioner to recommend to the Legislature of each State to pass similar Laws to secure the claims of Individuals in the Disputed territory, and that the Commissioners meet again for that purpose. The Kentucky Assembly having approved of the proceeding of their commissioners in claiming to the Dividing Mountain between the waters of Clinch and Sandy, and directed her Commissioners not to meet again until the Legislatures authorize their commissioners to Recede or compromise on terms admisable on the part of this State, and as the two States were willing to settle the business so as to injure the claims of Individuals as little as possible, we are therefore willing to correspond with you by Letters, in order, if we can, to bring the business to a close. We are willing to recommend to the Legislature of Each State to pass Laws for establishing the entries of Individuals on the waters of Sandy and Cumberland made prior to the year 1796, provided they do not interfere with Entries made in the offices of Kentucky when it was Virginia; and provided, also, that the State of Virginia, or the claimants, pay to the State of Kentucky two cents per acre for the Land, which is the price the State of Virginia sold said Land warrants for, and if you approve the terms proposed, you will write a few lines to that effect. No meeting can be had till the next meeting of the Assembly. Let us hear from you as soon as possible, and oblige,

Your, &c.

August 15

Petition of Robert Anderson, of Augusta county, to be restored to his rank as Captain in a company of militia which he had lost in consequence of temporary absence in a trip to Kentucky.

SAMUEL DOBIE TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Demanding compensation for a plan of the Virginia Penitentiary House furnished by him to the Board, which was not adopted. 1797.
August 17

FR'S DAUBCOURT TO A. BLAIR.

Inquiry as to the character of arms advertised for and the price proposed to be paid for them. August 23

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Application for appointment as Collector of Arrears of Taxes in the Brigade District, of which Norfolk and Princess Anne form a part. August 26

THOMAS NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Informing him that no infected vessel has arrived in that harbour, and promising the strictest vigilance over vessels arriving from all ports. August 28,
Norfolk

SAMUEL HOPKINS TO THE GOVERNOR.

I was duly honored with your dispatch of 18th current, as also the General Orders of 12th, the return of 1st Division, and a Detailed Rotine for the duty of the Artillery, Cavalry, &c., with an accompanying letter from the Adjutant-General's Office of 15th. August 28,
Mecklenburg

In conformity to the above I have issued orders for the immediate organization of the quota assigned to the First Division, and that they hold themselves in the most perfect readiness for duty.

I have sent your express with my dispatches for the Brigadiers Carrington, Martin, and Meade; the latter will be in his route to Richmond from General Martin's. I beg your Excellency to believe that I shall promptly apply myself to the discharge of the duties assigned me by my country, and that I am,

With great regard and esteem, sir, &c.

JOHN ROBERTSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Asking orders for Quarantine on vessels from Philadelphia on account of reports of yellow fever or some other infectious disease existing at that place. August 31,
City Point

DAN'L HYLTON, W. FOUSHEE, AND ROBERT MITCHELL, DIRECTORS
OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

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August 31

In conformity with our contract with the undertaker to finish the outside of the Capitol, we are to advance him money as he proceeds. Will thank you for an order to receive one thousand dollars in part of the resolution of the Assembly at their last session.

With much respect, we are, &c.

DAN'L L. HYLTON, W. FOUSHEE, AND ROBERT MITCHELL, DIRECTORS
OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 31,
Richmond

'Tis with great concern we find that the roof of the Capitol, which has been attempted to be covered with slate, is not only unfinished, but what has been executed is so extremely defective that the building is in great danger of injury. The undertakers will not, and we believe cannot, correct their work so as to make the roof tight. Therefore, as Directors of the Public Buildings, we conceive it our duty to take the advice and opinion of your Honorable Board whether it is not absolutely necessary to have the slate removed, a shingled cover put on, and the shingles covered with such composition to resist fire as you have seen an experiment made with to-day. This appears to us as the best and indeed the only means now left to save the building from ruin. A concurrence of opinion by the Executive will give us great satisfaction.

With much respect, &c.

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A list of persons who qualified as citizens at Richmond District Court. 1797:

Anthony Rosainville, a native of France, merchant.

James Galloway, a native of Scotland, mariner.

Teste:

J. ROBINSON, C. R. D. C.

JONATHAN CLARK TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 7

Acknowledging receipt of General Orders for forming a detachment of Militia, and promising immediate attention thereto.

JOHN STRODE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Renewing his proposition for manufacturing arms for the State, dividing the delivery into four periods, varying in price per stand as follows: 1st at \$18, 2nd at \$16, 3rd at \$14, and 4th at \$12, and giving his reasons for this change of prices.

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Sept. 7,
Culpeper

W. WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Enclosing various accounts paid by Capt. Nestte in equipping his Company of artillery for service amounting to £77.17s.7d., and recommending reimbursement to him for that sum.

Sept. 11,
Portsmouth

SAM. SWAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the contract which my attorney, Mr. Pollard, made with you for 4000 stand of arms, it is provided that "the Executive of Virginia shall use its best endeavours to obtain from any of the Belligerent powers from whose territory the arms, or any of them, may be exported, permission for the Exportation, and also a safe passport or protection for the said arms from the Privateers, Cruizers, and Ships of war of the power granting such passports or protection."

Sept. 11,
Boston

Agreeably to an article in the said Contract, I notified the Executive by a minute on the Contract the 11th of July last that I should export them from Holland. This, therefore, requests your Excellency to be pleased to inform my attorney what steps are taken to obtain permission to export the arms from thence and to obtain the safe passports. If it be through the President of the United States, you doubtless have employed, or will employ, the members from your State in Congress to obtain the necessary letters to our Minister at the Hague, and that you order those letters to be delivered to me. If it be by the Executive of Virginia directly to the minister in Holland, you will please deliver the letter to my attorney to be forwarded me.

If permission to export the arms from Holland or other Belligerent power, and passports cannot be obtained, the contract is to be void. But I have conceived it is possible, notwithstanding, that I may be able to get them from Hambourg by being at the expense of transporting them thither. In such case, permit me to ask your Excellency if the arms will be received, provided I deliver them agreeably to contract at Richmond within the time limited? The question may appear absurd, as it is certainly the intention of the Government to be supplied with that quantity of arms, but as the condition is express, and as it is possible I

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may find means to furnish them, even if the permission be refused in Europe, in the manner and at the expense mentioned. I should wish to be solved on that point.

I am, &c.

Permit me to observe that the Agent for executing my part of the contract, sails for Europe the 18th Inst: it is therefore urgent that I have the necessary papers as speedily as possible, or as is consistent with the convenience of the Executive.

ARCH'D STUART, JOS. MARTIN, AND CREED TAYLOR, TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF KENTUCKY, FOR FIXING THE BOUNDARY LINE.

Sept. 18

We have been duly honored with Col. Robert Johnson's letter of the 9th ultimo, to Mr. Arch'd Stuart, one of our Commissioners for fixing with yours, the boundary line between our States. We have received through our Executive the several Resolutions of the Legislature of your State, as well as those of our State respecting our proceedings last fall. In considering those resolutions as well as Col. Johnson's letter, we have at this time to observe that we are ready to meet and to act in conformity with the said resolutions with you, whenever you shall require our attendance for that purpose. After the next meeting of your Assembly, but as that happens to be late in the year, to proceed immediately afterwards may be disagreeable on account of the weather, we beg leave to suggest, all things being considered, whether the first of October, 1798, will not be the most proper time, but while we suggest this on account of ourselves, we would not wish that it should prevent an earlier meeting if it's more agreeable to you.

At this time we are induced to think that on our next meeting, a compromise will very probably take place as it relates to the line in dispute between us. Since this seems to us to be the disposition of the two States, and should this be the case, we shall think it right that the two States should pass mutual laws securing or confirming all titles to lands appropriated by individuals under a mistake as to the boundary line on either side, but at this time we do not see the propriety in the demand made of Virginia to pay your State two cents per acre for any of the disputed territory—nay, we have no authority to accede to such propositions, and we think that Col. Johnson will recede on his part from them on further consideration. We are ready to receive, and shall duly consider any communications which you may think proper to make between this and the time of our next meeting.

With respect, your, &c.

JAMES MCCLURG TO THE GOVERNOR.

The enclosed Resolution of the Common Hall of this city, will explain to your Excellency the occasion of this official communication.

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Sept. 19,
Richmond

The city has such relations to the country in general, and to the whole State by being the seat of government and of the high courts of judicature, that the guarding it from the introduction of diseases both fatal and infectious may well be considered among the objects of Executive care. The measures necessary for this purpose exceed both the power and the revenue of this corporation, which, however, will be always ready to co-operate in any subordinate way.

I have, &c.

CITY OF RICHMOND,
In Common Hall, *September —, 1797.*

Resolutions of the 18th, 19th and 20th were adopted, informing the Governor of the apprehension of the introduction from Norfolk and other cities of a dangerous and contagious fever then existing, and asking Executive orders for measures of prevention of the evil.

Sept. 19

JOS. PRENTIS AND JOHN TYLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Asking a pardon for William Gauldman, convicted in the District Court of horse stealing, on the ground that it was proved that a partition of the legal reward had been agreed upon between the prosecutor and two of the witnesses, which rendered the credit of them doubtful.

Sept. 21,
In court

JAMES ALLAN, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Yellow Fever, I am informed, is now raging in the towns of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Norfolk. The inhabitants of this place are very much alarmed from the great intercourse by water between those towns and this. I have had a number of applications made as Superintendent of Quarantine from the most respectable citizens of this town, for vessels coming from those places infected with that disorder to perform Quarantine. I do not conceive I have any authority, as I have not seen a proclamation to that effect. Is you deem it necessary I shall be glad to have your instructions as soon as possible, and whether a guard can be allowed to stop vessels before they get up to the town, to undergo an examination.

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Fredericks-
burg

I am, &c.

ROBERT PAUL TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Sept. 28,
Richmond Offering to make nails for the use of the State at 1s. per lb, of the best quality, at his factory in this city.

WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 29,
Petersburg Informing him of the flight of Benjamin Mason of Sussex, a delinquent collector for that county, with all his property; last seen in North Carolina near the Virginia line. Thinks might be arrested if attempted in time; believes he is making for the Spanish dominions.

Quarterly Return of Arms and Military Stores at the Arsenal near the Point of Fork, Sept. 30th, 1797.

Sept. 30 1 Brass Mortar, 1 Iron piece of Ordnance, 6297 muskets in complete order, 1302 muskets with Ruff Bayonets, 1535 muskets with Ground Bayonets out of repair, 40 new stocked muskets without Bayonets or R. Rods, 400 Pickers and Brushes, 2936 musket worms, 129 screw drivers, 805 Artillery swords, 293 Grenadeer swords, 7 Bbls of Gun powder, 40 Piggs of Lead, 181 Case Shot, 263 Round shot from 4lbs. to 6lbs., 30 Rheams of Cartridge Paper, 18 Bbls of Flints, 1650 Pounds of loose Ball and Buck shot.

Work performed this Quarter:

765 French muskets taken to pieces and cleaned, 40 Muskets stocked, 457 muskets repaired and made complete with ground Bayonets and Ram Rods, 56 muskets fitted with Bayonets and R. Rods, 216 Bayonets Ground and Polished.

R. QUARLES, Super't.

WILLIAM PRICE TO WM. PRICE, REG'R L. OFFICE.

Oct. 4 Under my contract with the Executive, I now send the Records completed since the last return, containing in all Six thousand and thirty-two plotts and certificates of Survey, all of which have been examined with the originals and found to be fairly and accurately transcribed.

I am, &c.

JOHN JOHNSTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Offering to contract to fill up against the wall a ravine near the Capitol, estimated to require 2000 cubic yards of earth, at 2s.3d. per yard, to be accurately measured; to furnish four carts and a sufficient number of hands to load the same, provided money to cover the expense of hands shall be supplied him weekly as the work progresses.

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SAM'L SHEPHERD.

Asks for a warrant for One hundred dollars upon account to defray the expenses of Public Riders carrying notices to delinquent Sheriffs.

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JOHN MINOR TO THE GOVERNOR.

I have to inform you that in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Greenless, in which I was employed by the Executive, no person having appeared to make claim, I have procured the proper certificate to be made, and have put it into the Escheator's hands and desired him to proceed to sell as the Law directs. Nothing further, I suppose, will be necessary for me to do, but if the Executive wish me to attend further to it they will be pleased to signify their wish.

Oct. 8,
Fredericks-
burg

I am, &c.

WILLIAM DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

By Saturday's mail your Excellency's letter of the 5th came to hand. From the last clause of the 3rd section in the act to which you refer me, I was induced to suppose that an Agent could not with propriety go out of the State for the purpose of recovering public property, unless he had previously been so directed by the Executive, nor was I of opinion that his official duty even then required it of him, especially as there is no compensation for such service prescribed by law, but is left to the discretion of the Executive, whose opinion and that of the Agent might differ as to the amount to be allowed. In the present case, however, anything like a pursuit might perhaps be now wholly nugatory, the delinquent having started the 7th of last month, of which I gave you notice on the same day that I heard it.

Oct. 9,
Petersburg

I am just returned from sales in Southampton, where I have appointed three other days of sale the first week in November. From the exemplary conduct of the juries empannelled to try the right of property,

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every covering has been set aside as fraudulent, except where a bona fide consideration to the full value appears to have been actually paid. This conduct of the juries is the more remarkably commendable as all the executions are against Securities. I have conceived it my duty to afford them every indulgence consistent with the public interest, and from present appearances I have no doubt before the middle of February next to pay into the Treasury on account of the delinquency of one Sheriff for a single year nearly £1480, and if process is regularly attended to with respect to others, a great deal more may yet be obtained for the public.

I have, &c.

Oct. 13 At a Court held for Cumberland county the 27th day of February, 1797:

Ordered, that Benjamin Wilson and Joseph Carrington, Gent., be appointed Commissioners to attend Woodson's Warehouse, at the Town of Cartersville, in this county, and perform the duties of an Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act concerning the Inspection of Tobacco." passed Dec. 26th, 1796.

A copy—Teste:

Ts. WOODSON, D. C.

Report of Above-Named Commissioners.

That in pursuance of the above order of Court the Commissioners met at Cartersville and made a review of the transactions of the Inspectors in their office, and took the testimony of witnesses of respectability, which disclosed certain irregularity in the conduct of the business which they felt bound to report.

ANDREW DUNSCOMB TO THE GOVERNOR.

Oct. 19 Asking that surveys and plots be made for two parcels of land sold by him in Henrico as Escheator for four hundred and seventy dollars.

Oct. 23 Petitions of numerous citizens of Fredericksburg, of the Judges of the District Court, and of Attorneys practicing at that Bar, for the pardon of Joseph Francis, negro boy, convicted in that Court of horse stealing and sentenced to be hung on the third Friday in November next.

SAMUEL SHEPHERD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nov. 1 Asking a warrant for balance of amount due riders for carrying notices to delinquent Sheriffs for Taxes of 1796, amounting to \$181 96.

Jane West, the woman who had charge of *Catharine Crull's child for eight years, states to the Board that she is reduced by long sickness to extreme indigence and distress; that, except the last year, her allowance was but twelve pounds for finding the child clothing and board, when it was raised to sixteen pounds. She says that the money she received did not indemnify her for her expenses, and that she never received the least compensation for her great trouble. She now hopes the Board will consider her helpless and distressed situation, and make her some small allowance for her past services.

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*Catharine Crull, the mother of the child above named, was executed for the murder of her husband. The child, being born after her conviction, was cared for by the State for several years.—Ed.

Ordered, that Hugh McNeely, John Stockley, George Greenwood, Abraham Miley, Zackquill Morgan, and David Morgan be recommended as proper persons to fill the office of Justice of the Peace for the county of Monongalia.

Nov. 13

Teste:

J. EVANS, Cl'k.

Stephen Sampson, late Sheriff of Goochland, petitions for a remission of damages for failure to pay into the Treasury the Revenue of 1788 according to law, having subsequently paid principal, interest, and costs on same.

Nov. 16,
Richmond

Pursuant to a direction of the worshipful Court of Russell county, I do hereby certify that the following Gentlemen are in the Commission of the Peace in and for the county of Russell. Those that now act are as follows, to wit: Henry Smith, David Ward, Andrew Cowan, Samuel Ritchie, Thomas Carter, John Thompson, Charles Brickley, Richard Price, John Tate, James Gibson, Samuel Robinson; John Smith, Samuel Ewing, and James Dickinson, Gentlemen. Those that have removed are: Alexander Barnett, John Frazer, Charles Cocke, Joshua Ewing, and Christopher Cooper, Gentleman. James Wharton, Gentleman, is dead. James Scott refuses to qualify.

Nov. 20

Given under my hand this 20th day of November, 1797.

HENRY DICKENSON, C. R. C.

I am sorry to inform you of the capture of the ship Alphabet of Philadelphia and crew. The ship is sent to New Providence and the crew is now on board this ship, and likely to remain here if there is no means

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On board
ship La
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taken to take them on shore. The crew are Americans and all have United States protections, and the chief part of them married in different parts of the States. By your applying on board this ship you can better inform yourself by their protections. The number belonging to the ship Alphabet is nineteen. Your attention, sir, will be gratefully acknowledged by, sir,

Your obedient servant,

PAT ROCHE.

FRANCIS BRIGHT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nov. 27,
Hampton
Roads

Inclosed I send you a duplicate of a letter that was handed me yesterday by a boat that had been trading on board the La Prevoyant in this place. On the receipt of this letter (feeling myself interested in the welfare of my fellow-citizens) I penned a complaint note to Admiral Vandapert, stating the impropriety of suffering these men to be detained; but on reflecting that I was armed with no authority to demand their release, I declined my application lest my interference might meet with insult, and determined on giving your Excellency the necessary information, which is best done by sending a copy of the letter received, and which I hope will not be considered as an intrusion on your time and attention.

I am, &c.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nov. 28,
Randolph
County

Recommending Ashel Heath as Assessor of Lands for Randolph county.

ROBERT ANDREWS, JOHN TAYLOR, J. MARSHALL, JAS. BRECKINRIDGE
AND THOMAS MADISON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dec. 12,
Richmond

Having been of the Committee to whom were referred the proceedings and statement of the Commissioners appointed by the Executive to adjust the contested boundary line with the State of Kentucky, we think it may conduce to the public service to express, and we beg leave thus to declare, our strong approbation of the measures pursued by those Commissioners, and our opinions that it is an object of great importance to procure their aid in the prosecution of their business.

Exclusive of the thorough knowledge of the subject displayed in their report, they possess a degree of information as to facts not to be acquired except in the mode by which they have obtained it. It is therefore extremely improbable that any new set of Commissioners by assembling

once only at the place, or relying upon the depositions already taken without viewing the country, can attain a co-extensive fitness for the negotiation with the former gentlemen.

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Richmond

We are, &c.

WM. FOURCHEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Roof of the Capitol being now nearly compleat and ready to receive the cement to prevent its taking fire, obliges the Directors of the Public Buildings to ask for a warrant for one thousand dollars (which will be the fourth) under the act of the last session of Assembly.

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Richmond

With much respect, and on behalf of the Directors of the Public Buildings,

I am, &c.

WILLIAM PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Agreeable to our receipts obtained for plotts and certificates recorded and returned to the Land Office, there appears to be four thousand three hundred and forty-four in number, all of which have been compared with the originals and found to be fairly and accurately transcribed. You will, therefore, report that the above mentioned number are recorded, agreeable to my contract with the Executive.

Dec. 14

I am, &c.

JOHN CLARKE TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Having been called upon by your honorable body to examine and report to you the most eligible situation in the city of Richmond or its vicinity on which to erect a public manufactory of Arms, I have accordingly made examination and do report as follows, viz:

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That (in my Judgment) the most eligible seat for such works is a situation contiguous to the west end of Richmond immediately without the limits of the city, lying on the south side of the James River Canal, belonging partly to Mr. Samuel Overton and partly to Col. John Harvie, containing six acres, one rood and seventy-two poles of land, bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at a large poplar tree standing on the south bank of the James River canal at the west end of the city; thence along the said south bank of the canal south sixty-two degrees and thirty minutes,

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west fifteen chains and four and a half links to a corner on the canal; thence by a line running from the Canal to the river south ten degrees, east thirteen chains and thirty-five links to a corner at the River; thence along the river bank north seventy-five degrees and thirty minutes, east seven chains and twenty-three links to a corner on the bank of the river; thence along the river bank south seventy-nine and a half degrees, east six chains and seventeen links to a corner at a large rock on the river bank; thence north thirteen degrees and fifteen minutes, west nine chains and thirty links to the beginning.

This situation affords a valley leading from the James river canal excellently formed for erecting therein (to the greatest possible advantage) every species of water-works, and being seated on may receive a never-failing supply of water from the James River canal, which affords not only an abundant fall of water for working the necessary machinery for the hammering, boring, grinding, drilling, burnishing, &c., of small arms, but the water, after operating on and passing from those works, may by its immediate descent afford an eligible situation with an extensive water fall on which water-works for boring and turning of mortars and cannon may be advantageously erected. The fall of water from the James River canal to the River being so great (at this place) that the water may be twice used on water-works between the canal and the river, which will only require that half as much water should be purchased from the James River Company as would be required if it could be used but once. This seat also affords a good situation for a furnace (for casting of mortars, cannon, bombs, and the various kinds of cannon shott) on the declivity of an eminence immediately above the place most proper for the mill for boring and turning the mortars and cannon, and to which (after they were cast) they may be removed with the greatest convenience. The form and extent of this ground affords eligible situations, not only for the water-works, but for work shops and habitations for the artificers, and the earth at and contiguous to this place appears to be of good quality for bricks, and as a considerable number would be required for the different buildings belonging to the works, which may be made on the spot, a considerable expense in that article might be saved. A mill for making of gun powder might also be situated on a remote part of the ground (without endangering the other manufactories), where sufficient room may be afforded for an extensive yard for dying and preparing the powder. Improvements erected on this situation would be quite secure from the highest freshets of the river, and being remote from the thickly inhabited part of the city, and the probable progress of the buildings thereof, the works would not be in danger of being destroyed by the accidental fires which so frequently demolish houses and threaten the town with destruction, but being seated on the bank of the canal from whence the water could be introduced among the different

works in such manner that by the assistance of a simple and cheap machine attached to the other water-works, the water in a moment might be discharged on any of the buildings belonging to the works; and the manufactories in their different branches being situated and carried on convenient to each other might easily be overlooked by one Superintendent. The convenience of this situation to the Penitentiary-house (where much labor beneficial to a manufactory of arms might be done) is also an object which deserves consideration. A Manufactory of arms established on this ground would be conveniently situated to receive materials for manufacture from the city either by land or water carriage, and would also have the benefit of a navigation extending two hundred miles above Richmond by which the raw materials necessary for the manufactory might be easily transported down to this place by water; and as Iron, copper, mineral coal, as well as charcoal, are afforded in great abundance convenient to this navigation, and may be readily conveyed to the works by water, as well as black-walnut wood (for gun stocks) which the low grounds of James river produces in abundance, as also the most profuse abundance of willow wood (charcoal made of which is most preferred for making gun powder), each of which advantages ought, if possible, to belong to a manufactory of the above description, and when joined with the other advantages above enumerated, they cannot fail to give this conveniently situated spot the decided preference, not only to any situation in Richmond or its vicinity, but to any in Virginia.

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I am, Gentlemen, your, &c.

NOTE BY EDT'R.—Accompanying this paper is an accurate Plat of Survey of the ground proposed for erecting the manufactory of Arms.

ANDREW DUNSCOMB TO THE GOVERNOR.

It being represented to me that the recruiting of the company under my command is retarded from a consideration of the expense of equipment, and being anxious to promote the one and lessen the other, I have to request an order on the Superintendent at the Point of Fork for thirty Artillery Swords, with Belts.

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I am, &c.

HUGH HOLMES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Capt. William Ball, commanding the Winchester troop of Cavalry, has resigned. I am not certain whether he gave me his resignation in writing, but am certain he told me he had resigned and asked my opin-

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ion as to the mode of notifying such resignation, requesting me at the same time to have the vacancy filled. Edward McGuire, the First Lieutenant, Ferguson Bell, the Second Lieutenant, and John McDonald, the Cornet, will rise of course. A Cornet has been elected by the troop, and Isaac Buck would have been recommended by the Court but for my neglect. Being thus in some measure responsible to those Gentlemen, I have to request the Executive (if they think proper) to issue commissions to fill the vacancies above stated.

ROBERT QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dec. 31,
State
Arsenal

Inclosed I send your Excellency the usual Quarterly Report of the Arms and Military Stores under my direction, which will be accompanied by the customary Pay Rolls and account current of Expenditures at this post. The usual advance on account of the incidental expenses of the post, I presume, will by the honorable Board be deemed requisite.

I am, &c.

A Quarterly Report of Arms and Military Stores at the State Arsenal from Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1797.

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1 Brass Mortar, 1 Iron Piece of Ordnance, 6,225 Muskets in complete order, 1,242 Muskets with unground Bayonets, 1,595 Muskets with Bayonets ground but out of repair, 112 new-stocked Muskets out of repair, 400 Pickers and Brushes, 2,936 Musket Worms, 129 Screw Drivers, 805 Artillery Swords, 293 Grenadier Swords, 7 barrels of Gun Powder, 40 Piggs of Lead, 181 Canister Shot, 263 Round Shot from 4 to 6 lbs., 30 reams of Cartridge Paper, 18 barrels of Flints, 1,650 lbs. of Ball and Buckshot.

Work done this quarter: 1,603 Muskets taken to pieces, cleaned and oiled, 72 Muskets stocked, 60 Bayonets ground.

Since making my last quarterly return I have delivered to Col. James Breckinridge, of Botetourt county, by order of the Executive, 72 stand of arms.

ROBT. QUARLES, S. S. A.

31st December, 1797.

PROTEST AGAINST LOCATION OF PENITENTIARY.

Dec. 31

The petition of Lucy Singleton, John Warden, John Barret, G. Wythe, William Berkeley, John Carter, William Hay, W. Foster, addressed to Governor Wood and members of the Privy Council, praying against locating the Penitentiary House on certain lots late the property of John Beckley and others adjoining them, which adjoin the Main street of the city of Richmond.

Col. Benjamin Johnson proposes to undertake the agency of the business of surveying a tract of land in Kentucky said to have been entered for the State of Virginia. (See Resolutions of the late Assembly.)

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MR. PRESTON TO MR. DAWSON.

Mr. Dawson will be so obliging as to enquire whether the Council of Virginia has lately taken any steps to procure a sword for the representatives of Gen'l William Campbell in compliance with a resolution of the Assembly, and if not, to urge it, and, if he is authorized to have it imported, that he will be so obliging as to have the reason of the compliment inscribed on the hilt, to wit: For his meritorious services in the cause of Liberty.

Dec. 31

Petition of Wm. King, Francis Preston, and others, Justices and members of the Court of Washington, to the Governor and Council for copies of all papers sent to them concerning the recommendation of the said Court for the appointment of Robert Preston as Colonel of the 105th Regiment.

Dec. 31

Petition of James Cunningham, of Rockbridge, Lieutenant in Third Cavalry, for remission of two fines for absence from muster, assigning reasons.

Dec. 31

IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Thursday, January 11th, 1798.

Resolved, That the Executive be requested to examine into the present state of the Treasury, pursuant to the request of the Executors of the late Treasurer for that purpose.

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JOHN STEWART, C. H. D.

January 12th, 1798.

Agreed to by the Senate.

H. BROOKE, C. S.

Report of Meri. Jones and J. Pendleton, committee appointed by the General Assembly of Virginia to examine the accounts of Jaquelin Ambler, dec'd, late Treasurer of the State, from October 1st, 1797, to January 10th, 1798, the date of his death, shows as follows, viz:

The balance due October 1st, 1797, was	- - - - \$115,346 78
Receipts from October 1st, 1797, to January 10th, 1798, were	57,906 78
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	\$173,253 56
Disbursed from October 1st, 1797, to January 10th, 1798,	91,738 60
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Balance due, - - - - -	\$81,514 96

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William Berkeley's receipt as Treasurer of Virginia to Edw. Carrington, Geo. Fisher, Dan'l Call, Execut'rs of Jaquelin Ambler, \$81,514 96.

WILLIAM HERBERT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 12,
Alexandria

I have the honor of inclosing to your Excellency a statement of the situation of the Bank of Alexandria, made up to the 1st instant, which you will be pleased to lay before the Council of this State.

With every sentiment of respect and esteem, I am, &c.

Balance of the Books of the President and Directors of the Bank of Alexandria.

Cash, - - -	\$265,700 42	Deposits, . - -	\$ 47,545 43
Bank House, - -	3,700 00	Bank Notes, - -	286,912 50
Bills and Notes, -	491,568 12	Post Notes, - -	71,228 30
		Dividends No. 5, -	34 00
		“ “ 6, -	30 00
		“ “ 7, -	156 04
		“ “ 8, -	258 05
		“ “ 9, -	13,400 00
		Stock, - - -	338,200 00
		Profit and Loss, -	3,204 22
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	\$760,968 54		\$760,968 54

Bank of Alexandria, 1st January, 1798.

JOSEPH SAUL, B. Keeper.

AB'M B. VENABLE AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 14

Recommending Mr. McCormick who desired to erect in Virginia, a factory for making arms.

Jan. 16

Statement of money found in the Treasury this day, by Meri. Jones. J. Pendleton, John Mayo, Al. McRae—\$81,538 96.

Jan. 16

Contract of James Swan with the Governor, dated 11th of July, 1797. for furnishing 4000 stand of arms substantially on the terms mentioned in the letter of Swan to the Governor of March 22nd, 1797, with the following note appended:

RICHMOND, *January 16th, 1798.*

I have this day received two samples of arms and accoutrements mentioned in the annexed agreement, also triplicate letters from the Secretary of State to Wm. Vans Murray, Esq'r, Minister resident of the United States of America at The Hague, requesting him to obtain permission and passports for exporting the arms from Holland, mentioned in this agreement.

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ROBERT POLLARD for
JAMES SWAN.

LARKIN SMITH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Informing him that a Troop of Cavalry cannot be raised in the County of Mathews.

Jan. 19

Certificates of the qualification this day of Samuel McCraw and Geo. Conway Taylor, as members of the Council of State.

JOHN HARVIE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Last evening I was honored with your letter informing me that you were desirous of purchasing, on account of the publick, so much of my ground on the James River Comp'y Canal as was included in a survey lately made by Mr. John Clarke.

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That survey includes of my property, not only a considerable length on the Canal, but a deep Valley the best found for the erection of Water Works of any now to be improved upon the Canal, and although the quantity of ground is small, yet it is sufficiently extensive as a site for two sets of Water Works, the Fall being sufficient for the water being used twice between the Canal and the River.

To estimate the value of such a situation is a difficult calculation: the saving of manual labor in putting any other piece of ground into the same favorable form for the erection of Water Works must be considerable.

In addition to this Valley and Border on the Canal, Mr. Overton conveyed to me a Right to a Street or Road below the Canal as a communication with my adjoining ground.

I am loath to fix a price on this property as my judgment may subject me to the Imputation of Excess, with those who have less sanguine claims in the pecuniary advantages that would result upon improvements judiciously made upon a situation so favorable as mine.

In obedience to the wish of the Executive, I submit to you the following propositions:

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That a road be laid off to me, 60 feet wide on the Basin side and up the Valley that is taken off Mr. Overton, with all the Rights and privileges that I now enjoy in the Street that I am to give up, so as in no respects to interfere with the works intended to be erected by the publick.

To have the privilege of making up the dirt lying on the Canal Bank into Bricks, with a yard to dry and burn them upon Mr. Overton's land agreeably to a privilege that he has some time since granted me. This stipulation arises from a quantity of Bricks that I am agreeing to make for improvements designed on the Tenements I have leased to General Lee.

Upon the above proposals being agreed to, I will take for my property the sum of £300, with a declaration that if the price be thought too much, that the Executive may fix the sum at their own pleasure. If dealing with an individual, my price would be much higher, but I had rather give the property for nothing, than be thought making an unreasonable demand upon the publick.

I have, &c.

SAM'L OVERTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 31

Requesting a few days time for a conference with Mr. Ross, on the subject of fixing a price on a piece of ground which the Governor proposes to purchase for the use of the State.

Jan. 31

Bond of William Berkeley, Wilson Cary Nicholas, William Randolph of Wilton, John Pendleton, Thomas Griffin, Norborne Berkeley, Burwell Bassett, Robert Andrews, and Carter Berkeley, sureties, in the sum of one million dollars, of William Berkeley, Treasurer of Virginia.

EDM. RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 1

Giving an opinion as to the construction of the Arsenal act as to the execution of the writ of ad quad damnum.

JOHN GUARRANT AND SAM'L McCRAW TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 6,
Richmond

Report in obedience to an appointment of the Board the result of their examination of the military stores at the arsenal at the Point of Fork.

The military stores found to correspond substantially with the last report made by the Superintendent. The arsenal in present condition

capable of containing Twelve Thousand stand of arms, and with little expense to contain the Four Thousand additional contracted for. The condition of the Post alarmingly exposed to fire from without. They recommend the erection of a stockade sixty by seventy yards about the Arsenal, and also suggest as a further defence, the improvement of a commanding height about three hundred yards distant from the public buildings.

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Richmond

HENRY TAZEWELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

I wrote you some time since in answer to your two letters, on the subject of Mr. Swan's contract with Virginia, and enclosed you some letters from the Secretary of State in conformity to your request. I hope you have received them. I forwarded to you during the last year, two copies of the Pennsylvania Laws neatly bound, at the request of Mr. Dallis the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania. They were intended as a compliment from this to our State. I have not heard whether you received either—If you have, I beg leave to suggest that a return of the compliment by sending to Pennsylvania a copy of our Laws is expected, and would be peculiarly proper. I shall be very happy to be charged with the means of returning this compliment, and if you forward to me a copy of our Laws for the purpose, I beg the favor of you to send a second copy for the use of the Senate of the U. States. For the latter any expense will be repaid by the Secretary of the Senate.

Feb. 7

The newspapers which I suppose you regularly receive, will detail to you constantly the business which occupies the attention of Congress. It is to be lamented that some of it will not increase their respectability, nor be very satisfactory to their constituents. Our situation with foreign nations becomes daily more gloomy. We have not as yet any official advices from our Envoy's in France, and there is no dependence to be placed on any newspaper accounts which have as yet appeared. It is probable our Envoy's have been received by the Directory, and that if the negotiation has commenced, its progress will be slow and embarrassed.

France appears to consider us as the ally of G. B., and of course her main object will be to weaken or dissolve that connection. G. B., aware of this, appears to be desirous of breaking off the negotiations as speedily as possible. In this state of things, our future fate in the war is at present beyond my powers of conjecture.

I have not heard whether our Assembly at their last session acted upon the subject of their former cession of Western Territory to the U. States. The acceptance of that cession by the U. States reserved to Virginia the right of assenting to the new modification made by Congress of the States to be laid off in the ceded country. Some of those States as laid off by Congress are now almost ripe for admission into the Union. The

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want of some act in this respect on the part of Virginia may retard it, and sour the western people. Mr. Mason and myself addressed a letter on this subject to the Assembly in the winter of 1796. Will you be good enough to inform me if anything has been done?

A sufficient number of the States have now ratified the amendment to the Constitution concerning the suability of States, and have returned their ratifications to the President, who has laid them before Congress. That amendment therefore forms a part of the Constitution.

I have, &c.

CHARLES LEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 14,
Philadel-
phia

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Supreme Court of the United States have dismissed the suit of the Indiana Company against the State of Virginia upon the principle, that since the amendment of the Constitution they cannot hold jurisdiction of it.

Without noticing all the points of defence on the part of Virginia which would readily occur to counsel, if the suit should be renewed in the State Court, I take the liberty to suggest that by an ancient law of Virginia, to be found in Purvis's Edition, it was unlawful for individuals to buy any lands of the Indians within its chartered limits.

I have, &c.

B. HENRY LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 14,
Richmond

Relating to his bill against the State for his compensation as Architect of the Penitentiary House, which was 5 per cent. on \$15,000.

Feb. 14 *List of such Executions as have been Returned "Property not Sold for want of Buyers."*

Counties.	Persons.	Account.	On what Species of Property Levied.
Fauquier.....	Edw'd Diggs	Rev. 1795.....	Negroes, Falmouth.
Hampshire.....	Cornelius Fenny...	" 1792.....	Horses, Cattle, and Household Furniture, Winchester.
Greenbrier.....	Wm. Hutcheson....	" 1790.....	Lands and Tenements.
Northumberland..	Catesby Jones.....	Clerk.....	Horses, Richmond C't H.
Southampton.....	John Simmons.....	Rev. 1790.....	Negroes, Suffolk.
Westmoreland	Beckwith Butler...	Rev., 1793-4...	Land and Negroes, Richmond C't House.

SAM'L SHEPARD.

Aud'tr's Office, Feb'y 9th, '98.

ARCH'D McRAE TO THE GOVERNOR.

The light company which I have the honor of commanding has been for some length of time complete as to numbers, but we labor under inconveniences which can only be removed by Executive authority. Before the appointed musters shall arrive (if the weather shall be sufficiently open) we purpose to be in training. This object, which every individual in the company has at heart, cannot be accomplished without the use of firelocks, the want of which must necessarily detain them in a state of ignorance, and probably abate that military pride which would result from a knowledge of their duty and being properly accoutred.

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Feb. 16,
Manchester

However, sir, without intruding on you remarks which your knowledge and experience have long suggested to you, I with due deference submit the reasonableness of my application to yourself and the Honorable Board.

With much esteem, &c.

JACOB COOKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Offering himself as Superintendent of an Armory, if needed.

Feb. 19

ROBERT McCORMICK TO THE GOVERNOR.

Making sundry proposals for manufacturing 4,000 stand of arms for the State.

Feb. 27,
Richmond

Official Bond of Thomas Newton, Jr., as Notary Public for the Borough of Norfolk, penalty \$1,500.

Feb. 27

ELISHA WHITE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Application to be made Director of the Penitentiary House.

Feb. 27

WILLIAM B. WALLACE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Application for position of Superintendent at Public Arsenal.

March 5,
Stafford

FRANCIS WILLIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Application for appointment to Lieutenantcy of Guard at Public Arsenal.

March 6

JOHN CLARKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

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March 7,
Philadel-
phia

I arrived in this city on Friday evening and presented your letter to the Secretary of War on Saturday morning; he assures me that he will with pleasure give me every information in his power, and has promised that within a few days he will furnish me with letters to the manufacturers to the eastward, and I shall then immediately pursue the object of my journey in viewing the Armories at Springfield and some other places. Since my arrival here, I have been endeavoring to be informed where and on what terms the four thousand stand of arms, pistols, &c., advertised for by the Executive of Virginia can be procured, but have not yet received any satisfactory information. I shall continue to make every necessary inquiry, but am induced to think that the chance of procuring those arms will be much better at the manufactories which I am going to visit.

The Secretary of War informed me he had been told that you intended shortly to visit Philadelphia, where he should be very happy to see you.

I have visited the Cecil Iron Works in Maryland, where the iron cannon for the frigates of the United States are cast and bored out of the solid mass, but was astonished to find the works so badly planned, so temporarily built, and the guns so badly made.

I shall continue to make every exertion in my power to gain all information which may tend to enable me to answer the expectations of the Executive.

I am sorry to add that the people here seem much agitated and divided in consequence of the dispatches lately received from our envoys at Paris, some of which were laid before Congress on the 4th ult. by the President of the United States. From these communications it appears that the French Government are about to adopt a decree which, if carried into effect, will render our commerce of but little advantage to us. Our envoys have now no hopes that they will be officially received or of their accomplishing the objects of their mission.

Arming our vessels or an embargo are talked of here as the only alternatives to which we can resort.

Wishing you much happiness, I have, &c.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PENITENTIARY.

March 8

Directions to the Superintendent of the Penitentiary house to be followed in case the work should proceed during the absence of Mr. Latrobe, the architect:

Should the weather permit of the progress of the work before the 15th

of April, when I intend to be again in Richmond, it is my wish that no carpenter's work be laid off or executed before my return.

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The roof of the gate building would have been important to protect the brick work during the winter, but now it may be delayed till May without any inconvenience.

Stone Work.

1. The Superintendent is in possession of complete directions as to the stone work of the Gateway, both in respect of the scantling and the place of the stone.

2. While the Bricklayers are completing the front wall, the Stone mason will lay the Stone string or Basement course, *which is now at the Building and was prepared for the South front of the East wing*, on the Range of the East cells, to enable the Bricklayer to carry up the wall above it.

3. The place of the string thus used must be immediately supplied, and a sufficient quantity of the same string be provided to go completely round the outside of both the East and West wings. It is of the utmost importance that this direction be complied with as early as possible, otherwise the progress of the brick work will be delayed.

4. The Pillars of the groins have been already ordered with their caps, and also the Pillars of the South work room and of the Kitchen. It is necessary that they should be as soon as possible brought to the building to be set up immediately upon my return.

Brick Work.

1. It would be much to the advantage of the Public if the Bricklayer could be induced to throw up a very large quantity of mortar previous to the commencement of the work. It is also, *in fact*, an advantage to the Bricklayer, but many Bricklayers deceive themselves in this respect by supposing that because mortar made up from day to day receives into its bulk a larger proportion of Lime (for which the Public pays), and of course consumes less sand (an article which they are to provide), that they can thus make it cheaper. The additional labor, however, necessary to make up and work into smooth substance mortar prepared in small quantities, and the time often lost both by laborers and workmen is much greater in expense than the amount of the Sand, and the mortar is certainly the worse for it.

2. The first work to be done is the front wall from the gate to the West wing—building it in exact conformity to the finished work on the East side.

3. Turn the groins of the porter's lodges.

4. Turn the groins of the long West range, leaving the square groins at each end.

5. Carry up the six centre Cells on the East side exactly over those below. The windows come on exactly 6 ft. 6 in. (that is, 26 courses)

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above the stone string (No. 2, stone work). The East and West walls of the small cells are to be carried one-half brick on to the walls of the work room to the South, and the Turnkey's room to the North (see the 1st drawing of the book of designs), but no part of the walls of the Rooms are to be finished before my return.

6. When the groins of the long West range are turned, the Front and Back Walls may be carried up to them. The centres for all the *windows* are made, and I hope they will be set out from center to center with scrupulous exactness.

As few hands, I presume, can be had during the fishing season, I have no doubt but that a very small progress will be made, if any, before my return.

But at all events, the above directions will be sufficient for one month from commencing work.

B. HENRY LATROBE.

Major Thomas Callis, Superintendent of Penitentiary house.

ROBERT BROOKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 10

I have on revision of the Arsenal Act supposed that it might be most advisable to await the session of the District Court before it is acted on in the way proposed; for altho' Mr. Randolph's reasoning on the subject is satisfactory to my mind, yet it is a serious thing to divest an individual of any part of his property without his consent. I do suppose it would be most safe to pursue the words of the law strictly, and I am the more inclined to offer this advice as the term of session of the District Court is so fast approaching as to prevent any inconvenience from delay.

I have, &c.

JOHN CLARKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 10,
Philadel-
phia

Relating his failure to have 4,000 stand of arms manufactured in Philadelphia.

Found two gentlemen of Birmingham, England, who were willing to contract for manufacturing the said arms, also 600 Pistols, Swords, &c., deliverable at Richmond, at fifteen dollars per stand. A condition precedent to a contract with these men is, that a permit must be obtained through the American Minister from the British Government for the exportation of these arms.

The Secretary of War showed a sample of French muskets and pistols, with various improvements described.

Saw Mr. Jefferson, who thought the best mode of obtaining desirable arms was to import them from France thro' the agency of Col. Monroe. Expected to visit Springfield for further investigation.

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March 10,
Philadel-
phia

WILLIAM CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting the appointment of Commandant of the Arsenal proposed to be established in Orange or Culpeper.

March 11,
Orange

Proclamation of John Royster, Justice of the Peace for Chesterfield, for the search by hue and cry for Thomas Burnett, Laborer, who escaped from the jail of said county, and for his arrest and commitment again to jail.

March 12

THOMAS AND JOHN KETLAND TO THE GOVERNOR.

Proposing a contract to deliver 4,000 stand of arms in Richmond within twelve months from date of contract (dangers of seas, capture, and other accidents excepted), conformable to sample or description, at fifteen dollars and fifty cents per stand, exclusive of duty, and with a permit from the British Government for their exportation.

March 12,
Philadel-
phia

THOMAS UNDERWOOD TO JOHN PENDLETON.

Soliciting appointment as commandant of Guard to an Arsenal in the event of its erection.

March 13

REPORT OF JOHN GUERRANT AND SAMUEL McCRAW ON THE STATE
OF THE REGISTER'S OFFICE.

1,334 surveys now in the office, inclusive of imperfect surveys and caveated do., and also exclusive of the surveys belonging to the Loyal Company and the Greenbrier Co.'s Grants.

March 13

The present number of Clerks now in the service of the Public are six. They are employed in the following manner, viz:

One for keeping up the Register of Warrants with References.

One for making out Grants.

One for recording Grants.

One for delivering Surveys to Major Price, taking a Register of them, and also assisting in recording Grants.

One for searching, copying, &c.

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One for recording Surveys.

That independent of the foregoing services, the Register will be obliged to select from the general mass of Titles the evidence of about ten thousand, which will be attended with much trouble, and will require the most deliberate and circumspect attention to avoid serious inconvenience and injury to the public.

This business the Register expects will be entered upon this Spring, as he is in the daily expectation of the arrival of the agent on the part of the State of Kentucky.

We are, therefore, decidedly of opinion that the business of the office, as it now appears to us, will not justify the discontinuance of any of the Clerks now engaged with the Register (at least for the present year).

March 15

James Swan's proposal to furnish the State with 4000 stand of arms, substantially on same terms as in previous contract, saving that the price per stand in this is left blank: also that this provision, that a reduction of twenty per cent. in price will be made in the event of peace being made in Europe before the shipment, and a discount of ten per cent. if the money is advanced by the State; ample security for same being furnished in Richmond.

GEO. MURRAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 16,
Fredericks-
burg

Application for appointment as Notary Public in Fredericksburg, in the place of William Harvey, Dec'd.

JOHN MINOR, JUN'R TO FRANCIS T. BROOKE.

March 17,
Fredericks-
burg

Asking his aid in procuring the appointment of Geo. Murray as Notary Public for Fredericksburg, endorsing his fitness.

JNO. STEELE TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 18,
Philadel-
phia

Indicating his earnest zeal in furthering a settlement of accounts between the State of Virginia and the Federal Government, but to this time without success.

Informing of a Musket and Bayonet made in Phil'a, on the model of the Charlesville Musket adopted by the United States, sent to Governor Wood by Capt. Potter as a sample: cost fifteen dollars.

Numerous Recommendations and petitions of citizens of Fredericksburg, for the appointment of James Allen as Notary Public for that Town. 1798. March 21

THOMAS UNDERWOOD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Application for appointment as Commandant of Arsenal expected to be established in Prince Edward. March 22, Hanover

THOMAS HAMILTON & Co. TO THOMAS NEWTON.

Be pleased to take notice that by virtue of a commission issued from the Court of the United States of the Middle Circuit in the Virginia District, in the suit exhibited by us in the said Court, we shall proceed to take the deposition of Phineas Bond, Esq., in the said suit at the dwelling-house of Edw'd Tilghman, Esq., in the city of Philadelphia, on the 21st day of April, 1798, between the hours of ten in the morning and six in the afternoon. March 22

We are, &c.

THOMAS NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I wrote you this morning that I had notice that Paul Tilghman, Wm. Crammond, and Jno. Simpson's depositions were to be taken in Messrs. Hamilton's suit against Coll. Wilson and me; but I misunderstood Capt. Hamilton. He intended, as your Excellency will observe by the notice, that they were to be Commiss'rs to take the depositions. He was also mistaken in the name of Mr. Tilghman. It was Edw'd instead of Paul. I told him I supposed Edw'd Tilghman lived in Hanover. He said no; he lived in Philadelphia. Coll. Wilson has agreed in part to take the deposition of Mr. Bond at Mr. Tilghman's house, and that it must be done before Justices legally authorized to administer oaths and done in the usual manner, and that agents will attend to propound questions to Mr. Bond. March 22, Norfolk

As Mr. Randolph is well acquainted in Philadelphia, I should be glad that he would, if your Excellency pleases, fix on proper persons to attend, and I could wish a copy of the deposition to be sent me, that it may be counteracted here by others.

I am, &c.

JOHN STEELE TO THE GOVERNOR.

1798. Reporting progress in the settlement of the accounts of Virginia with
 March 23 the Federal Government.
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MARTIN MIMS TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 26 Asking for an advance of five hundred dollars to enable him to carry
 on his business for the State. Granted.

E. RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 26 E. Randolph presents his respectful compliments to his Excellency the
 Governor and returns Col. Newton's letter, begging to receive the copy of
 the notice when transmitted, as E. R. can take no measures without it.
 When received everything else will be duly attended to by E. R.

E. RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 28 E. Randolph presents his respectful compliments to his Excellency
 the Governor and will certainly attend to the copy of the notice given to
 Mr. Newton. Should anything further be wanted, E. R. will do himself
 the honor of informing the Governor. Col. Newton's letter being on the
 same paper with the notice, E. R. retains both.

RO. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 30 Inclosed your Excellency will receive my usual Quarterly Return of
 Arms and Military Stores at the Arsenal. I have at length closed my
 contract with Mr. Wills for the Timbers requisite in the erection of the
 Stockade Fort at this place, the work of which is already commenced,
 and no exertions on my part shall be wanting to have it completed with
 all possible expedition. I have given Mr. Wills reason to calculate on
 receiving \$100 in advance in order to enable him to prosecute this work
 with greater spirit and energy. I flatter myself the honorable Board
 will deem it expedient to make this advance.

The usual advance of \$100 to meet the incidental expenses of the
 Post will likewise, I presume, receive the sanction of the honorable the
 Executive.

I have, &c.

*A Quarterly Return of the Arms and Military Stores at the Arsenal from
January to April, 1798.*

1 Brass Mortar, 1 Iron 4-pounder, 6,327 muskets in good order, 1,175 muskets with ruff new Bayonets, 1,751 muskets with new ground Bayonets out of repair, 250 Pickers and Brushes, 2,936 musket worms, 129 screw drivers, 765 Artillery Swords, 293 Grenadeer Swords, 7 barrels Powder, 40 Piggs of Lead, 181 Case Shot, 260 Round shot from 4 to 6-pounders, 30 Rheams of Cartridge Paper, 18 barrels of Flints, 1650 lbs. of Ball and Buckshot.

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April 1

Work for this Quarter: 385 new French muskets cleaned and put away, 252 old muskets cleaned and repaired, 89 new stocked muskets fitted with Bayonets and R. Rods, 156 Bayonets ground.

N. B.—During this Quarter 100 Muskets, Bayonets, Flints, Pickers and Brushes, and 40 Artillery Swords have been sent to Richmond. Also, 50 stand of Arms have been delivered to Capt. McRea, of Powhatan.

RO. QUARLES, Sup't.

JOHN CLARKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Explaining his tardiness in reaching Springfield, being detained in New York many days by illness contracted by exposure in travelling over the bad roads all night in wet clothes.

April 9,
New York

P. JOHNSTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I beg leave hereby to resign my commission as agent for the Commonwealth in the District composed of the counties of Pittsylvania, Halifax, Charlotte, and Prince Edward.

April 10,
Prince
Edward

The commission is inclosed, and I flatter myself it will be accepted.

I have, &c.

Articles of Agreement entered into the tenth day of April, 1798, between James Wood, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of State, and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the one part, and James Swan, Esq'r, of Boston in Massachusetts, of the other part, contains the following stipulations, viz:

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The said James Swan contracts to deliver to any authorized Agent of the State, in Richmond, within twelve months from the date of this con-

1798. tract, four thousand stand of Muskets and Bayonets as described in the
 April 10 advertisement made by the Executive, and corresponding to the model furnished him.

The Muskets are to be proved by a double charge of powder and ball, furnished for that purpose by the State. They are to be stocked with black walnut timber so far as procurable where made, or with birch or cherry tree as a substitute.

On the part of the Commonwealth, the Governor agrees to pay on delivery of said arms, the sum of ten dollars for each musket and Bayonet; to furnish the powder and ball for the purpose of proving the said muskets, and to pay any import duties which may by law be chargeable on the said arms.

He further engages that the Executive of Virginia, shall use its best endeavours to obtain from any of the belligerent powers from whose territory any of the said arms may be imported, permission for their exportation, and a safe passport and protection from the privateers, cruizers, and ships of war of the power granting such protection.

In the event of the above named passport or protection not being obtained, it is agreed by the contracting parties, that this contract is to be null and void.

Signed by

JAMES WOOD,
 JAMES SWAN by
 ROBERT POLLARD his
 Attorney in fact.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of A. Blair.

The arms described to be furnished by the foregoing agreement, will be shipped from Holland.

JAMES SWAN, by
 ROBERT POLLARD his
 Attorney.

ROB'T QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 12 Having occasion to turn to the laws of last session of Assembly a few days past, I observe that your Excellency was a little mistaken with respect to the number of arms to be obtained, previous to the appointment of the Major commandant of the State Arsenal's. I think, Sir, the law says that this appointment shall take place so soon as the State shall have obtained 15,000 stand of arms.

Your Excellency will do me the favour, whenever this appointment does take place, to name my pretensions to the Honorable Board, in doing of which I have the presumption to hope that I shall once more receive the friendly aid of your countenance and patronage.

I have, &c.

Petition of a large number of the citizens of Richmond city for the pardon of Henry Anderson, convicted in the District Court of this city of the killing a negro man, and condemned to suffer the punishment affixed by law to the crime of manslaughter—viz., burning in the hand.

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JOHN STEELE TO THE GOVERNOR.

I regret that my success in the settlement of the accounts of the State against the United States has not been so complete as I could have wished, yet there is reason to hope that ultimately the much greater part of her claims will be allowed.

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Richmond

It appears that the first abstract sent on by the Auditor, amounted to the sum of Six thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and 49 cents; the second to the sum of one thousand two hundred and seventy-six dollars and 24 cents—making together the sum of seven thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and 93 cents.

Of this sum you will find from a note at the bottom of a rough abstract herewith enclosed, that four thousand three hundred and six dollars and 8 cents, for the pay of militia and scouts, has been reported to the Secretary of War as justly due to the State; that the sum of two thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and 30 cents, charged as a commission of one and one-half per cent. to the paymaster, and for the expenses attending the holding of certain courts martial, has been referred to the Secretary for his opinion. The accountant did not think himself authorized from the nature of his office to decide upon it, owing to its being the first charge of the kind that had come before him.

That the sum of six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seven cents for extra pay of two dollars per month allowed the non-commissioned officers and privates, has been deducted as heretofore; and that the sum of one hundred and forty-seven dollars and 28 cents, charged for express hire, for carrying dispatches to the Major-Generals, for sending dispatches on board the British ship Assistance, and for copying certain communications between General Mathews and the French Consuls, has been rejected. When I apply'd to the Secretary for a warrant for the first sum of 4306 dollars and 8 cents, he informed me that on enquiry he found there was no money appropriated out of which it could be paid, but that he would include it in an estimate with such other sums as might be found due to the State and report it to Congress, in order that an appropriation may be made for the payment of it.

He was too much engaged in other business, to find time to look into the Laws and correspondence between his predecessors in office and the Executive of Virginia on the subject of the Western defence so as to enable him to decide on the propriety of allowing the sum of 2759 dol-

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lars and 30 cents (the commission to the Paymasters, &c.) before I left Philadelphia. He assured me, however, that he would go into the enquiry and decide on it as early as possible. I detailed to him verbally the causes which produced this expense, and have requested in a letter dated the 31st of March (a copy of which is enclosed) that he may not decide against the claim before he can have time to hear from you on the subject.

The vouchers for the last sum—viz., 147 dollars and 28 cents—are so deficient, and the nature of the dispatches so undefined, that I was unable to give any satisfactory explanation of them to induce the accountant to admit them as a proper charge against the War Department.

I mentioned to Mr. Dawson the situation in which I left the business. I shewed him your letter of the second March to me and mine of the 31st to the Secretary, and requested him to attend to it.

The present Secretary having gone into office long since the arrangements were made relative to the Western defence of this State, he is but little acquainted with it. I therefore take the liberty of suggesting to you the propriety of sending on copies of any documents which may in your opinion tend to explain and strengthen the claim.

My being very much indisposed prevented my writing you early yesterday.

With very great respect, I have, &c.

P. S.—I forgot to mention the claim for the expense incurred by an advance of money for seventeen Catawba Indians. The voucher is in some measure deficient. The Secretary informs me, that it had been the practice to pay the expenses of such Indians as were ordered or required to travel to the seat of Government; it does not appear that there was any such order as to these.

SIR:

If any doubt should exist in your mind, as to the propriety of the claims of the State of Virginia, submitted to you by the Accountant, I have to request that you will be good enough to suspend a decision upon them until you can hear from Governor Wood.

I hinted to you the causes which led to the appointment of a Paymaster—a copy of the instructions given to him, and to the officers at the same time, would show how strongly the Executive were impressed with the necessity of the measure; and believing themselves vested with discretionary power on the subject. they had no doubt of the propriety of charging the expense attending it to the United States.

The letters of Governor Lee (with their enclosures) to the Secretary of State on the subject of the Ship Unicorn would shew fully the nature of the offence for which Colo. Wills was arrested, and perhaps, too, the necessity there was on the part of the Government to punish such

offences, if possible. The claims for the expenses attending the other Courts-Martial rest upon similar ground; of course, the same principle will govern in a decision upon them. I will only remark that the officers were in the service of the United States when they committed the offences for which they were tried.

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I will suggest to Governor Wood the propriety of sending you cypys of any documents which may, in his opinion, go to a farther explanation and establishment of those claims.

With sentiments of respect, I am, &c.

JOHN STEELE.

The Secretary of War, Philadelphia.

31st of March, 1798.

Virginia—Extracts from the Correspondence Between the Department of War of the United States and the Executive of Virginia on the Subject of the Western Defence of this Commonwealth:

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Nov. 16, 1791.*

SIR:

Upon a statement of Mr. Moore, representative from Virginia in Congress, it appears that some doubts exist whether the protection authorized by the President of the United States on the 28th ultimo and transmitted to the Governor of Virginia, should be extended to the exposed parts of the counties of Wythe, Montgomery, and Washington.

I am authorized by the President of the United States to assure your Excellency that it is his desire that the defensive protection for the above mentioned counties should be as effectual as the defence of Russell county; and further to inform your Excellency that the expense of any measures which you may think necessary on the occasion, proportioned to the object and consisting of the militia, and to be supplied with provisions in the manner as pointed out in my said letter of the 28th of last month, will be paid by the General Government on the account and vouchers of the services and supplies being produced at this office.

I have, &c.

H. KNOX, Sec'y of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Dec. 5th, 1791.*

SIR:

The letter of his Excellency Governor Randolph, dated Council Chamber, November 24th, 1791, was received by the last post and submitted to the President of the United States. And I am directed, sir, by the President to inform you that, having confided the defence of the exposed counties of the southwestern parts of Virginia to the Executive thereof, he feels satisfied that the defence will be proportioned to the object, and that the means to be employed will be such only as he is authorized by the laws to use for the defensive protection of the frontiers.

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In raising, therefore, the company of Militia mentioned in the aforesaid letter of the 24th of November, the President of the United States requests that it may be clearly understood that he conceives the law passed the 30th of April, 1790, authorizes him to call out mere Militia, who shall be entitled to receive the same pay and subsistence only as the troops of the United States, which are specified in said law.

To this may be added such means of transportation as shall be indispensable, but he cannot promise either bounties, clothing, or any other compensation than the pay and subsistence before mentioned.

I have, &c.,

H. KNOX, Sec'y of War.

His Excellency Henry Lee, Esq., Governor of Virginia.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
RICHMOND, *December 12th, 1791.*

SIR:

My predecessor transmitted to you in his letter of the 24th ultimo the act of the Executive providing for the defence of the county of Russell, and stated the reasons which induced a departure from the mode designated in your letter of the 28th of October.

I flatter myself, sir, you will not hesitate to sanction the system adopted, as it combines protection with order and economy.

Since information reached this place announcing the late signal defeat of our army, various applications have been made to Government for temporary aid from the representatives of those counties which lay exposed to Indian hostility. We waited for many days in the expectation of being honored with your reply to Governor Randolph's letter of the 24th, as then we should have explicitly known your opinion with respect to that mode of defence which had been established by the Executive, and might have accommodated our future measures thereto.

Being disappointed in this expectation, and longer delay inadmissible, as the General Assembly would soon adjourn, we have adopted our arrangements for the defence of the District of Monongalia and the Counties of Kanawha, Greenbrier, Wythe and Montgomery on the same principles, which regulated the Executive in their act providing for the defence of the County of Russell, with the addition of a patrol to each county consisting of two men, for the purpose of procuring and communicating intelligence.

This expensive species of troops you will discover, Sir, are reduced to a very small number, nor would they have been employed in any degree but from a conviction on the fullest information, that they are indispensibly requisite.

Vain indeed would be military preparations, if the means of knowing were inhibited; and really I must consider troops systematically without

those means, who are not allowed the only mode of procuring intelligence in the country in which they are to act.

When you compare the Military events of this year with those of the last, and the temporary aid now given to that furnished them, you will agree that although our prospects are more gloomy, our preparations for defence have not been so expensive, and yet we trust will be found equally effective from the alterations introduced. In so extensive an empire, occasions will occur where the Councils and money of the members of the Confederacy in their state capacities, will necessarily be used for the accomplishment of objects belonging constitutionally to the General Government, nor will the happiness and safety of the people in certain events, permit that delay which must otherwise result was this convenient instrumentality denied. From the evident necessity of such temporary efforts on the part of this Commonwealth, with respect to the defence of our citizens whose safety seems to continue precarious, notwithstanding the zealous and formidable military exertions of the United States, did the General Assembly during the last and present sessions, authorize the Executive to take such measures for the defence of our frontier counties, as in their judgment might be deemed necessary.

Under this authority was the money of the Commonwealth expended last year in defensive operations, which terminated in obedience to the directions received from the Secretary of the department of War?

The expenses accruing from these measures have been discharged in part by the General Government, and some remain yet to be paid. A claim has lately been exhibited from the county of Randolph against the Commonwealth, a copy of which is enclosed, wherein the 2nd of May is fixed as the period from which the General Government considers itself as properly chargeable with the disbursements issuing from the system of defence above mentioned.

I must confess, Sir, I must consider this distinction resulting from misinformation, and hope that the explanation which I now do myself the honor to make will conclude this business in a manner just and satisfactory. The Commonwealth of Virginia is certainly in the first instance liable for monies stipulated to be paid for the services performed during the last year under the authority of the Executive previous to the commencement of the operations of the General Government, and being the only judge of the justice of such claims, propriety demands that they should be presented here for settlement, but at the same time I trust it will not be denied that the monies thus disbursed, being applied in the execution of a duty belonging to the General Government, constitute a proper charge against the United States inasmuch as the protection of the people from an enemy to which they were exposed, was the only end of such expenditures, and that protection from the then existing circumstances could not be afforded in due time without the interposition of the Legislature of this State.

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Under these impressions, I have directed the proper officer to prepare an account of these expenses, which I will do myself the honor to forward to you with the requisite documents, and confidently hope that you will, as soon as convenient, inform me when and in what manner the expected restitution will be made.

Permit me to say, Sir, that the Executive of this Commonwealth take very great pleasure to contribute by any efforts in their power towards the successful execution of the measures of the General Government, and more especially when those measures comprehend the safety of a part of this community, in whose welfare we are so deeply interested.

I herewith transmit the act of the Executive of this State, the resolution of the General Assembly, copies of letters from the Lieutenant of the county of Harrison, and of my instructions to the commandants of the troops to be raised, for your further information.

I have, &c.,

HENRY LEE.

To the Secretary for the Department of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *24th December, 1791.*

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 12th instant, together with its enclosures, all of which have been submitted to the President of the United States.

The letter of the 24th of November, written by your predecessor, was received by the post on the third and answered on the fifth instant.

The President of the United States has directed me to assure your Excellency that he considers the United States responsible for the necessary expense to be incurred at this time for the defensive protection of the frontiers. That the arrangement which has been ordered by the Executive of Virginia, by their act of the 12th instant, appears judicious and as economical as the state of the case will admit, and that it will therefore be paid by the General Government according to the restrictions stated in my letter to your Excellency of the fifth instant.

It is, however, to be observed that the employment of the scouts were not contemplated, but as they are considered as essentially necessary, and as Congress have within a few days past made appropriations for their pay on a former occasion, the President of the United States assents fully to their adoption.

At the same time, it is conceived that the number for the Ohio county are not sufficient, it having such an extensive frontier.

The County Lieutenant therefore will be permitted to call out a number not exceeding eight for the said county. And if your Excellency should conceive an additional number necessary to any other county, you will please to direct the same and inform me thereof.

As Major-General St. Clair is empowered on this subject, it is presumed he will make an arrangement with Brigadier-General Scott for the temporary defensive protection of Kentucky.

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I take the liberty to request that your Excellency would be pleased to direct that the County Lieutenants make monthly returns to this office of all Militia or scouts employed at the expense of the United States.

When the accounts for the expenses for the defensive protection of the past year, mentioned in your Excellency's letter, shall be received, they will be examined and the result thereof transmitted to you.

The expenses for the scouts of Randolph county, which you enclosed, shall be paid to the order of the Lieutenant of said county.

The President of the United States has directed me to thank your Excellency for your assurances of the ready concurrence of the Executive of Virginia in the measures of the General Government taken for the defensive protection of the frontiers. Although this assurance had been wanting, he should have entirely relied upon the patriotism of the Executive, of which you are the head, to support every proper measure for the common good of our country.

I have, &c.,

H. KNOX, Sec'y of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *October 30th, 1792.*

SIR:

The officers of the Militia called out for the defensive protection will be allowed the pay stipulated in the Act of the 5th of March last since the passing of the same. It is the desire of the President of the United States that only defensive measures should be used. If for this object it should be your judgment that the Militia in the southwestern parts of Virginia should be increased, you will please to order the same under the former regulations.

The accountant has not reported upon the Militia rolls you forwarded, but I have directed him to do it immediately, and arrangements shall be made for transmitting the amount.

I have, &c.

H. KNOX.

His Excellency the Governor of Virginia.

Auditor's Report of Expenses of sending execution notices to sundry public delinquents to June General Court, 1798, viz: April 14

Total, - - - - -	\$450 00
By cash collected of same for same time, - - - - -	215 12
Balance due, - - - - -	\$234 88

WM. C. WILLIAMS TO THE GOVERNOR.

1798.
April 16 Asking instruction as to bringing suit against the Sheriff of Shenandoah for neglect of duty in not collecting Taxes of 1783 due from his predecessor, John Tipton, whom he allowed to remove with his property to Tennessee.

April 18 An account of Messrs. Wise & Hope for rebuilding a stone wall lately broke near the Capitol with old stone, £22.2.0. Certified by Ulysses Rogers.

RO. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 19,
Arsenal The enclosed copy of a notice I have duly acted on, as requested by your Excellency. I am just informed that since Robert Yancey, of Louisa county, received his promotion in the Artillery to a Majority, the field piece formerly borrowed by him for the use of his company has been exposed to great abuse. It stands now at Louisa Court-House, unsheltered and unattended to. If your Excellency will direct it, I will have it returned to the Arsenal, at which place it will soon be required to occupy one of the Bastions of the Fort.

I have, &c.

April 24 Major Quarrier desires to be considered a candidate for the office of Major Commandant of the Guards to be established at the Public Arsenals.

May 4,
Richmond Received of James Wood, Esq., Governor of Virginia, five Patents for Military Land in the name of John Morrison, viz: 1 for 937 acres, 1 for 468 acres, 1 for 1,000 acres, 1 for 4,000 acres, and 1 for 4,410 acres. All appears to have issued in Frankfort, State of Kentucky, on the 12th day of December, 1794, which said Patents was found in the possession of a certain Jacob Bowenger and suspected to be forged; is therefore put in my hands to forward to the Governor of the State of Kentucky by the earliest opportunity.

EDM. THOMAS.

Also, received the Power of Atto. given by John Morrison to Samuel Underwood to dispose of the above mentioned lands, to be forwarded as above.

EDM. THOMAS.

A Colored Map of the original site of the Penitentiary and the adjacent lots of Mr. Rutherford and General Lee.

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May 4,
Richmond

W. FOUSHEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

I am desired by the Directors of the P. Buildings to request the favor of an order for one thousand dollars (which will be the 5th) from your Honorable Board, under an Act of the General Assembly appropriating five thousand dollars for the Public Buildings.

May 5,
Richmond

With much respect, I am, &c.

TIMOTHY PICKERING TO THE GOVERNOR.

In the sloop Sally, Edmund Potter, master, I have shipped 31 copies of the first volume of the Acts of Congress, and 66 copies of the third volume, being the deficiencies found in the number originally destined for distribution in the State of Virginia, in pursuance of the law for that purpose.

May 8,
Department
of State

You will be pleased to return by the same vessel the 11 volumes above the proper number.

I have, &c.

HENRY LEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending W. B. Wallace for appointment as Commandant of State Arsenal.

May 8,
Stafford

W. B. WALLACE TO THOS. POSEY.

Soliciting his aid in procuring the appointment of Commandant of Arsenals in Virginia.

May 8

B. BALL TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending Wm. Wallace for appointment to Superintendency of Arsenals in Virginia.

May 11

THOS. POSEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending William Wallace for superintendence of Arsenals in Virginia.

May 12

THOMAS UNDERWOOD TO THE GOVERNOR.

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May 13 Soliciting an appointment as Lieutenant of the Arsenal Guard.

WM. G. PAYNE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 14 Soliciting a Lieutenantcy in Guard for Public Arsenals.

PARKE GOODALL TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 14 Recommending Wm. G. Payne for a Lieutenantcy for one of the Arsenals of the State.

BENJ'N MOSBY TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 16,
Richmond Soliciting appointment to Lieutenantcy in State Arsenal Guard.

THOMAS UNDERWOOD TO MAJOR WM. PRICE.

May 18 Reports two completed Books of recorded surveys, containing 1972 surveys and 100 others in a separate Book—2072.

WM. PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 21 Desires to draw on account for the number of surveys recorded.

ROBERT CROUCH TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 21 Soliciting the appointment of Lieutenant of Guard to Arsenals.

WM. PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 22 Reports for examination two complete Books of recorded surveys.

JAMES SWAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

I have received from my Attorney Mr. Pollard, the order of Council to delay the delivery of the first 4000 stand of arms to the 16th of January next. 1798.
May 22,
Boston

The first contract being fifteen months from the delivery of the samples. This time does not embrace it. I must pray your Excellency and the Honorable Council to accord that time, as then it is probable, I shall be barely able to make the delivery, or otherwise prolong it three months from the 16th January next. My reasons for saying that, is that space will barely give me time. I find great opposition from France to granting permission, and Holland dare not do it without her consent. I go for Europe myself within two months, and one great motive is to effect permission to export the 8000 stand. I presume I shall succeed whilst Diplomatic exertion may prove ineffectual.

I am, &c.

LEIGHTON WOOD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting the appointment of clerk to the Penitentiary soon to be opened. May 23

WM. PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending Leighton Wood as clerk to Penitentiary. May 23

Recommendations of Wm. Flenegain, John Blackwell, Jr., Daniel C. Brent, for the appointment of Wm. B. Wallace as Superintendent of the public Arsenals. May 23

SAMUEL CORNICK TO THE GOVERNOR.

Resigning his commission as commissioner of Wrecks in the county of Princess Anne on account of ill-health. May 26

THOMAS CALLIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

I herewith have the honor to submit to you an account of the Carpenter's work done this year at the Penitentiary house, with the time employed up it, the two last weeks of which have not been paid for. May 26,
Richmond

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Richmond

I beg leave to represent to the Honorable Board that notwithstanding the wish expressed to me by his Excellency the Governor, that as much as possible of the work should be lett to the lowest bidder. I have been under the absolute necessity of continuing to employ the hands hitherto engaged, in order to prevent a total stop to the brick work, and from the nature of the work, and its great uncertainty, I trust it will appear to the Honorable Board how utterly it is impossible to go on without employing some men, at least, by the day, as these men can at the same time that they are employed in the occasional work which is constantly occurring, also execute such work as might otherwise be lett by measurement. I beg leave to submit to the honorable Board an exact estimate of the expence of framing the Roof of the Gateway in order that the same may be compared with the usual charge for such work, and a judgment formed in how far it may be expedient to frame all the pine scantling by the day and to lett out only the Locust Window and door frames and the sashes and doors.

Estimate of the Expence of framing the Roof of Gateway—Employed:

William Callis, 4 days at 10s.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£2.00.0
William Callis, Jun'r, 4 days at 6s.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.04.0
James Duke, 4 days at 5s.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00.0
James Favor, 3 days at 6s.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.0
Lewis Humphries, 4 days at 6s.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.04.0
							<u>£6.04.0</u>

The Roof contains 13 Sq'e, 78 feet of principal framing. At the Capitol 15s. per sq'r was paid for this kind of work, and for some parts of it still more.

13½ squ'rs of framing at 15s. per sq'e is £10.6.8.

I have, &c.

May 29 Proposals to make Cartouch Boxes by Geo. Ming, at 6s. 6d. Joseph Graves at 4s. 6d. John Fox at 90 cents each.

May 30 Certificates of Benjamin Wilson, Clerk of Harrison County, of the qualification of John Prunty as Sheriff; for the collection of the Revenue Taxes for 1795 and 1797, omitting 1796 to which the attention of the Executive is called in a letter of G. Jackson.

JOHN ROANE TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 3,
King
William

Recommending Thomas Seayrer for appointment to a Lieutenantcy in the Arsenal Guard.

JAMES BRECKENRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Proposing to furnish square bar Iron at £43 and \$45 p'r Ton.

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R. WEST TO THE GOVERNOR.

In pursuance of the duty assigned me by my brethern the Commissioned Officers of the 2nd Battalion of Fairfax Militia, I take the liberty to enclose their resolution entered into on the 1st Inst.

June 6

They have learned with real pleasure, your ready compliance with a similar request from the Town of Alexandria, and desire thus publicly to acknowledge the grateful sense they entertain of your conduct in bestowing upon their neighbors, the means of affording to themselves some degree of protection against any enemy that may assail them.

The Militia of Fairfax County compose the 60th Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion affords five hundred and sixty-three effective men. They deprecate the necessity that may call them from agricultural pursuits which they have enjoyed so long, and accustom them to the clangour of arms; but if it becomes necessary for the protection of American Independence, or to repel a predatory attack upon the Town, they will with alacrity cheerfully forego the comforts of their present situations, and evince to the world that they possess a spirit unconquerable but by death. That America and Liberty are synonymous terms. Your generous care for the safety of the citizens and property in Alex'a, was predicated I presume upon a idea that their situation required it; if so, and it should become necessary to assemble a force to oppose an enemy, the whole Militia of the county no doubt would immediately repair to the scene of action—and for what purpose, unless they have arms in their hands? To look about them and witness the licenceous conduct of a ferocious incensed soldiery! I hope, Sir, you will see the propriety of indulging us with the like number you have given to the 1st Battalion, and allow us the same opportunity to distinguish ourselves in the cause of our Country and friends that our associates have. I have not had the pleasure of a conference with our Commandant Col. Little upon this subject, but I do not hesitate to say, as my opinion that he would feel himself secure against any probable attack that might be made upon Alex'a, with this force in the county.

I have, &c.

At a Board of Officers of the 2nd Battalion of the 60th Regiment of Virginia Militia at the house of John Towers, in Fairfax county, on Friday, the 1st inst., it was unanimously resolved that R. West be requested to write to his Excellency James Wood, Governor of the Commonwealth,

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and solicit his interposition in the procurement on their behalf of 250 stand of arms for the common defence and under such regulations as may be deemed compatible for the safe keeping or distribution of the arms aforesaid as the Governor and Council of State shall adjudge.

R. West, Major; C. Broadwater, H. Gunnel, G. Summers, Jesse Moor, G. Minor, Jr., S. Tarly, S. Hampton, Captains.

JOHN C. BARRET TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 7 Soliciting an appointment as Lieutenant in the Arsenal Guard, accompanied with recommendations.

June 12,
Richmond

We will undertake to dig the foundation and remove the earth at the Penitentiary for 2s. per square yard.

JOHN MILLS,
JOHN ATKERSON.

WM. NELSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 15,
York

Asking for the issue of 800 stand of arms for the 68th Regiment, to which he belongs, which numbers 728 men; also for the appointment of officers to the Williamsburg Militia, now without officers.

ROBT. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 18,
Arsenal

Informing of shipment of 250 stand of arms as ordered to Richmond.

June 19

Mr. Anderson Barret,				
To 9,750 Brick for use of Capitol at 42s. per M.	-	-	-	£20.09.6
Cr.				
By 5,191 ft. Sheating Plank at 72s. per M,	-	-	-	18.13.9
Balance due Penitentiary House,	-	-	-	£1.15.9

THOS. CALLIS, Sup't.

June 22

Nathaniel Burwell, of King William, and Mayo Carrington, of Cumberland, solicit the appointment as Major Commandant of the Arsenal Guards.

Capt. Howell Lewis, of Goochland, desired to be considered a candidate for the office of Major Commandant of the Arsenal Guard.

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WM. AUSTIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

At a meeting of the Richmond Troop of Horse held a few days ago, I was requested to forward to you the underwritten letter, expressive of the unanimous opinion of said Troop.

June 23,
Richmond

With much respect, I have, &c.

TO THE GOVERNOR:

Sir—Informed as we have been by our Colonel Commandant that our Troop will be enrolled in the first requisition of Congress, we deem it proper to acquaint you that we are completely equipped for service, and that we will most cheerfully and readily obey any orders which you may find it expedient to issue. Embodied for the purpose of making ourselves good citizens in acquiring the use of arms, and employing them in obedience to the constituted authorities under which we resolve to act, we are aware that it may be thought unnecessary to make this proffer of our ready services, but at a period perilous as the present certainly appears, we conceive it cannot be displeasing to our chief Magistrate to receive sentiments of attachment to and concurrence with the measures which may be found necessary to be adopted.

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Accept then, Sir, this as the most *solemn promise* of our Troop to hold ourselves at all times in readiness to act alone, or in concert with other forces, when the voice of our Country calls upon us, and that when we cease to entertain a due respect for the authority by which we are constituted, we can no longer consider ourselves proper Members of this or any other Troop. But while we tender these expressions of attachment and obedience to our Laws and Magistrates, we have to lament that our number is small; we beg leave to offer it as an opinion that this defect might in a great measure be remedied if Government could find it convenient to furnish us with a part of those equipments which are purchased by individuals at so great an expense. We have formed this opinion from a conviction that there are many valuable young men in this city and neighborhood whose only objection to joining us would be the difficulty of procuring an equipment.

JOHN WOODY AND NATHAN'L W. PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending John Fox Price for a Lieutenancy in the Arsenal Guard.

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 RICH'D N. VENABLE TO THE GOVERNOR.

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June 25,
Prince
Edward
Court-house

Declining commission as agent for collecting arrears of Taxes in the eleventh Brigade District.

A. RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 25 Recommending officers for his troop of cavalry in room of Messrs. Carr and Love, removed, and Mr. Edmund Bolling.

SAM'L COLEMAN, FOR SIMON MORGAN, TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 27,
Adjutant
General's
Office

I forwarded a copy of the General Order issued yesterday to Colonel Lambert, who thereupon has wrote to me as follows:

"SIR:

In answer to your favour of the 26th instant, directing a return to be made of the companies of Light Infantry and Grenadiers of the 19th Regiment of Militia, I am sorry to inform you that no such companies now exist. I am informed that an Infantry Company is about to be raised. So soon as it takes place I will give you the necessary information.

I am, &c.

DAVID LAMBERT, Lt.-Col. Com'r.

Sam'l Coleman, Esq."

Col. Lambert further verbally informs that the officers of the late Light Infantry Company have all resigned, and that the Lieutenant of the Grenadier Company is the only officer remaining of that company.

I have, &c.

Colonel Lambert informs me that he did not notify the resignation of Captain Richardson either to the Governor or to the Corporation Court; he likewise informs that the Captain of the Grenadier Company is dead, and that the Ensign has been promoted in another corps.

He tells me that within a few days past about thirty men have associated to serve in that company, and that it is probable the company will shortly be completed.

LAWRENCE H. WILLS, RO. GWATHMEY, EDWD. JOHNSTON, COMMITTEE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 28 At a meeting of a number of the citizens of Richmond, on the evening of the 28th June, 1798—met for the purpose of associating and forming

themselves into a Company of Infantry, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to notify you of the same, and to solicit your appointing and commissioning the necessary officers for commanding them. In pursuance whereof, we have the pleasure of stating to you that the Association is now composed of Fifty-five members, who beg you may recognize them by the name of *The Richmond Light Infantry Blues*—and who also beg leave to recommend to the notice of the Executive, and solicit the appointment of the following persons to the offices respectively affixed to their names:

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William Richardson, Captain; Bennett Taylor, Lieutenant; John Davidson, Ensign.

We are, &c.

J. DAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I hasten to forward to you a message from the President of the United States which was on yesterday sent to Congress, and several documents relative to the subject.

June 28,
Philadelphia

They were referred to a committee who have reported a bill on to-day, which is made the order of the day for to-morrow.

I well know that the receipt of this information will induce the Executive of Virginia to adopt with promptitude, measures necessary to guard against the dangers which threaten the State and the Union.

I have received your Excellency's letter, and will forward the amount due our State from the department of war by the first safe opportunity, as it is somewhat uncertain when I shall return, tho' I think we shall adjourn about the 10th of next month.

With personal esteem, I have, &c.

CHARLES JONES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting the appointment as Major to Arsenal Guard. Subsequently to a clerkship to that officer.

June 29

WM. GRAVES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Informing that the officer appointed to inspect the arms of the 54th Regiment is performing that duty and will report speedily.

June 30

HENRY LEE SAYRES TO THE GOVERNOR.

1798.
June 30 Soliciting an appointment as Lieutenant of Arsenal Guard, supported by the recommendations of Gen. Henry Lee, William Nelson, and N. Burwell.

A Quarterly Report of the Arms and Military Stores at the Point of Fork Arsenal from April to July 1st, 1798.

July 1 1 16-inch Mortar, 5,815 Muskets in good order, 989 Muskets with new and unground Bayonets, 1,979 Muskets with fresh ground Bayonets out of repair, 250 Pickers and Brushes, 2,936 Musket Worms, 129 Screw Drivers, 642 Artillery Swords, 293 Grenadier Swords, 7 barrels of Gun Powder, 40 Piggs of Lead, 181 Canister Shot, 260 Round Shot from 4 to 6 lbs., 30 rheams of Cartridge Paper, 18 barrels of Flints, 1,650 lbs. of loose Ball and Buckshot.

Quarter's Work: 553 new French Muskets cleaned, oiled and racked, 228 Bayonets ground, 42 Muskets fitted with new Bayonets and R. Rods. Counting on the Artificers being discontinued on the 1st of June, I had employed them principally in arranging the Arsenal to that time.

N. B.—Since making my last return I have delivered 80 stand of arms to Major Walker, of Albemarle; also delivered 50 stand of Do. to Capt. John Tinsley, of Fluvanna; sent 132 Do. to Richmond for the Norfolk Light Infantry; sent 250 to Richmond to the order of the Executive.

RO. QUARLES, Sup't. S. A.

RO. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 1 Explaining the cause of delay in the completion of the Fort at the Arsenal at Point of Fork, and informing of the existence of 140 cast-iron wheels at Columbia suitable for Fort pieces.

JOHN CROPPER, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 3,
Accomac Soliciting arms, ammunition, and commissions for the 2nd Regiment.

THOMAS CALLIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 3 Asking instructions as to the frames of doors and windows, and also as to slate for roof of the square part of the Penitentiary house.

DRURY RAGSDALE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending William B. Wallace as Superintendent and Thomas Sayers as Lieutenant in the Arsenal Guard.

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July 4

THOMAS Y. SEYMORE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI IN VIRGINIA.

I have the honor of transmitting a List of the Officers of the Society of Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut the current year: Col. Benjamin Talmadge, President; Gen. David Smith, Vice-President; Major Thomas Y. Seymour, Secretary; Lieut. Nathan Beers, Treasurer; Capt. John Min, Ass't Secretary; Capt. Ezekiel P. Belden, Ass't Treasurer.

July 4,
Hartford
Conn.

Annexed is also a list of Delegates from this State to the General Meeting to be holden at Philadelphia in May next: Col. B. Talmadge, Col. Wadsworth, Gen. D. Smith, Gen. Eben Huntington, Mr. Nathan H. Whiting.

I am, &c.

G. HEISKELL, GEO. W. B. SPOONER, AND ADAM DAILEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting 180 stand of arms for the 16th Regiment of Militia in the Town of Fredericksburg.

July 5,
Fredericks-
burg

I do hereby oblige myself to deliver to Thomas Snowden, Esq., of the State of Maryland four negro children named Charles, Vach, Roger, and Suky, supposed to be entitled to freedom and which were taken out of the possession of a certain Jacob Bollinger, who claimed them as slaves.

July 5,
Richmond

JOSEPH MARRIOTT.

THOS. SNOWDEN, MARYLAND PATUXENT IRON WORKS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Concerning the return to their mother of four negro children who had been sold by Thomas Ijams to Jacob Bollinger as slaves, and by him brought to Virginia, the mother having taken steps to establish their right to freedom. The children were returned and money refunded.

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SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

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July 6,
Council
office

Since the Flank Companies to the several Regiments of the Line of the militia, the companies of Artillery and Troops of cavalry were allotted by entire companies and Troops to certain divisions from 1 to 10 for a rotine of duty—Capt. Alex'r McRae's company of Grenadiers to the — Battalion of the 19th Regiment; Captain John Leyborne's and Captain James P. Preston's companies of the 3rd Regiment of Artillery; Captains James Walker's, Arch'd Randolph's, and Robert Young's troops of the second Regiment of Cavalry; Captain Samuel Moore's troop of the 3rd Regiment of Cavalry; and Captain Burwell Bassett's and John Nevison's Troop of the 4th Regiment of Cavalry have been established. It remains for them also to be allotted by entire companies and Troops into Divisions from 1 to 10 for a regular rotine of duty.

I am, &c.

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 6

Inclosed is a return of the arms which have been issued to the Militia agreeably to the orders of the Executive, from time to time, and for which receipts have been filed in my office agreeably to an order of Council of the 25th April, 1794.

Besides, on an examination of the Journals I find the following orders of Council:

That 72 stands be furnished to Capt. Thornton's Light Infantry Company, in Fredericksburg, April 24th, 1795.

July 29th, 1794.—Advised that Capt. Mason's Company, of Stafford, Nelson's Company, of York, and McRae's Company of Artillery, Petersburg, be furnished with arms so soon as they are compleated and Uniformed.

June 2nd, 1795.—It is advised that Capt. James Caruther's company of Rockbridge militia be furnished with arms on the usual terms.

July 27th, 1797.—It is advised that 72 stands be delivered to Colonel Breckenridge for his Regim't, and the like number to Col. Wilson Cary Nicholas for his Regiment.

Jan'y 26th, 1798.—It is advised that the Super't at the Point of Fork be directed to deliver to Major Frances Walker arms for a company of Light Infantry belonging to the 88th Regiment, taking his receipt therefor.

Feb. 14th, 1798.—It is advised that Captains Strobria and Holloway's Companys of the militia of this city be furnished with arms, provided the officers unite in a bond for returning the same in good order when called for.

February 19th, 1798.—It is advised that Capt. Arch'd McRae, be furnished with 50 stand for his Light Infantry Company of Powhatan Militia on the usual terms.

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March 5th, 1798.—It is advised that 50 stand of arms, and 50 Artillery swords be delivered to the order of Capt. Mercer of the 2nd Regiment of Artillery, and that the like number of stands of arms and artillery swords be delivered to the order of Capt. Lewis of the same Regiment; each of the commanding officers to enter into bond for their safe keeping and return.

Mar. 7th, 1798.—It is advised that 50 stand of arms, and the like number of Artillery swords, be delivered to Capt. McCreery's Company of Artillery of the 3rd Regiment, the officers of the Company to give bond for their safe keeping and return

May 8th, 1798.—It is advised that 50 stand of arms be delivered to Capt. Tinsley, for the use of his Company of Militia from Fluvanna County, on the usual terms.

May 19th, 1798.—It is advised that Capt. Reynold's Company of Grenadiers, and Capt. Smith's Company of Light Infantry of the 54th Regiment, Norfolk Borough Militia, be furnished with arms upon the usual terms.

I am unacquainted whether in pursuance of these several orders of Council, arms have been furnished.

Yours, &c.

Return of the Public Arms issued by the Executive to the Militia, for which receipts are filed, pursuant to an order of Council of the 25th of April, 1794.

July 6

1st Brigade, 30th Reg't, Caroline, 72; 2nd B., 19th R., city of Richmond, 68; 2nd B., 19th R., Do., 90; 2nd B., 19th R., Do., 72; 2nd B., 19th R., Do., 70; 2nd B., 19th R., Do., 68; 4th R., Do., 64; 2nd 19th R., Do., 4; 2nd B., 68th R., York, 150; 2nd B., 68th R., Warwick, 72; 2nd B., 68th R., Elizabeth City, 51; 2nd B., 33rd R., Henrico, 50; 4th B., 23rd R., Chesterfield, 144; 8th B., 62nd R., Prince George, 72; 9th B., 7th R., Norfolk, &c., 600; 6th B., 60th R., Fairfax, 60; 15th B., 39th R., Dinwiddie, 250; 9th B., 27th R., Northampton, 50; 2nd B., 33d R., Henrico, 40; 4th R., Gloucester, 50; Richmond Guard Boat, 5. Total, 2,102. Number still to be accounted for, 1,790.

THOMAS MATHEWS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting arms for the Ninth Brigade, the counties composing which are so much exposed to an invading enemy. Also for a commissary of stores.

July 6,
Norfolk

J. WOODSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

1798.
July 6 Soliciting arms for his company of Cavalry.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO LIEUT.-COL. DENNIS DAWLEY, 20TH REGIMENT.

July 6 Requesting the appointment of a Field Officer to inspect arms and report to the Executive.

July 6 Receipt of James Warden for Capt. Wm. Richardson's company of Light Infantry for 50 stand of arms.

DENNIS DAWLEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 6 Soliciting arms for the 20th Regiment and setting forth the destitution of arms of P. Anne county, and the alacrity of her militia to obey the call upon them if supplied.

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 6 Urging attention to the solicitation of Lt.-Col. Dawley for a supply of arms to the 20th Regiment for the defence of Princess Anne.

July 6 From Wm. Graves, of Norfolk, inclosing bonds of Jno. Reynolds, Lewis E. Durant, and John Saunders in penalty of eight hundred dollars, for safety and return of sixty stand of arms furnished company of Grenadiers in the 54th Reg't militia. Also bond of Samuel Smith, John Warrington, and Henry Day in the penalty of eight hundred dollars for the safety and return of sixty-six stand of arms furnished a company of Light Infantry of the 54 Regiment of militia.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO WM. RICHARDSON.

July 6 Urging him to forward a bond for 50 stand of arms furnished his company of Light Infantry.

Bond of Wm. Richardson and John Davidson in the penalty of six hundred dollars for the safety and return of 50 stand of arms furnished company of Light Infantry of the 19th Regiment. On file. 1798.
July 6

Bond Philip N. Nicholas, Nathaniel W. Price, and Thomas B. Robertson, in the penalty of six hundred dollars for the safety and return of fifty stand of arms furnished company of Light Infantry of the 19th Regiment on file. July 6

THOMAS MINOR, OF SPOTSYLVANIA, TO SAM'L COLEMAN.

Yours of the 10th of July last a few days ago came to my hand. On inquiry find that Capt. Thornton did not receive any arms in consequence of the Order of Council of the 24th of April, 1795. July 6

In the month of April last, Capt. John Mercer received from Mr. Robert Quarles at the Arsenal, 50 Muskets, 50 Bayonets, 50 Cartouch Boxes with Belts, and 50 Artillery Swords. The Muskets were entirely out of repair, the bayonets without scabbards or belts, the swords without belts, and but few of the scabbards in order.

As Capt. Mercer's company have been fitted up, the arms, &c., have been put in as good order as they are capable of receiving at this place. The officers of the company have procured at their own expense Belts, and Scabbards for the Bayonets, and Belts for the Swords as they have been wanted by the individuals. The Cartouch Boxes were in good order and continue so at this time. I have, agreeable to request, appointed a Field Officer to inspect the said arms, whose reports are herewith sent you.

Yours respectfully.

WM. LUDWELL LEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

The imbecile situation of the company of militia under my command for want of arms, at this alarming and portentous period, induces me to apply to your Excellency for as many firelocks, with their necessary appendages as will be sufficient to arm my company, which consists of 85 men. There are not more than half a dozen firelocks belonging to its members which are fitted for warlike operations; many are totally destitute of any sort of gun. July 9,
Green
Spring

I am apprised that it will be impossible at this time to furnish all the Militia with arms. but when the defenceless situation of this part of Virginia is considered, I trust the Executive will not be of opinion that my request is ill-timed or improper.

1798.
July 9,
Green
Spring

If it is deemed expedient to furnish the arms, I am ready to enter into any obligation that may be required for their safe keeping.

I have, &c.

B. HENRY LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 9

I have this day most attentively examined that part of the arch of the cellar under the kitchen of the Penitentiary house which has been supposed to have settled, and find that the place where the bricks have been driven down is not at all under the pillar above. Upon inquiry, Mr. Duke could inform me that Beard, the stone mason, occasioned the apparent failure by hammering the base stone there. In no other instance is there the smallest failure. I have marked out upon the arch the exact spot over which the pillar stands, and should be extremely obliged to you to examine it. You will be convinced that the pressure of that stone has done no mischief. In the K. cellar the whole weight of the octagon groin-butments is upon the crown of the lower arch, and no sign of settlement is to be seen. Then there is not even a cap-stone to relieve it. But although I am myself satisfied of the security of the work, I should be very much to blame were I to hold out obstinately against your opinion, and I have requested Mr. Callis, Junior, to point out to you the mode by which every possible danger may be avoided.

I beg leave to express to you my very sincere gratitude for your kind anxiety for the success of my work, and I shall always remember that if I ever arrive at any professional eminence in Virginia I owe it to your early patronage.

I have this day ordered part of the centering of the octagon groin to be struck for your instruction. Everything is going on in the very best manner, and I have left directions in writing and drawings for 6 weeks to come.

Inclosed is the proposed advertisement for carpenter's work and the account of State.

I beg most seriously to represent to you the necessity of thinking soon of supplying the house with water. The well is now empty, and Mr. Mims receives only two Hogsheads per day of bad water from it. Even the Brickmakers have given up their wells. There can be no doubt but that in November we may receive Prisoners.

In Philadelphia there is a natural stream which clears the sewers, and they keep constantly 2 pumps going for the house and the works. To supply water in any way will require two month's preparation, and we cannot well begin the work till August.

I have drawings of all the Philadelphia Machines for making nails.

We ought to think of making some. I am willing to take any trouble and give any assistance.

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Believe me with sincere respect, &c.

Proposals will be received, &c., for executing the following Carpenters' and Joiners' Work:

1. Laying single joists upon arches.
2. Framing principal roofs according to directions and drawings to be given by the Architect. A specimen of the mode of framing may be seen over the Gateway.
3. Planking the walls of cells with $1\frac{1}{2}$ oak plank driven full of clinched nails, and ploughed and tongued.
4. Laying straight joint pine plank floors as kew-nailed.
5. Boarding for slate with inch plank, close joint.
6. Planing and fixing the principal joists of the Galleries in Locust.
7. Framing the (pine) Floors of the same and boarding them.
8. Making rebated window frames to all the external openings with cambered heads and sunk cells in Locust.
9. Making rebated Locust door frames, double heads rebated.
10. Six-pannelled 2-inch bead and flush doors.
11. Six-pannelled $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Do.
12. Making six-pannelled 1-inch double doors bead and flush with a plate of iron between them and bolted with 8 bolts to the foot.
13. $1\frac{1}{2}$ rebated and braded linings.
14. Superficial moulded work (per foot).
15. $1\frac{1}{2}$ sashes, dowed and flanked.

N. B.—All this carpenter's work must be delivered in its place; the doors must all be hung and the sashes fixed.

Slating, 200 square.

The plates must hold 18 inches length and show 5. All the eves must be doubled. They are to be laid dry and pointed in the inside.

N. B.—As the building itself cannot be burned, might shingles do for the prison and plates only for the gate and keeper's house.

J. DIXON, RICH'D YOUNG AND ROB'T MEANS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting 40 stand of arms for their company.

July 10

JAMES BAYTOP, SAM'L CARY, MORD. COOK AND OTHERS, OFFICERS OF MILITIA, TO THE GOVERNOR.

The critical situation of that portion of the citizens who reside on the waters of the Chesapeake, renders it highly necessary to request of the

July 10,
Gloucester

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Gloucester

Executive, a speedy attention to the subject, and to solicit that protection from their Government they deem at present so highly expedient. At a time when sullen torpor and unaccountable apathy so strangely prevades this part of the country, we the undersigned at least suppose it a duty incumbent on us as private individuals, to be mindful of our families and property, and as officers attentive to the necessary means of defence.

The recent intelligence of arrivals in parts of the United States of French West India negroes, has particularly alarmed us, and suggests the propriety which we hope, Sir, you will perceive, of applying for Gallies to protect our Bay of Chesapeake, and a provision of arms, ammunition and accoutrements for our Artillery, Light Horse and Light Infantry Companys, if not for the whole of our Militia. A request from the Governor and Council of Virginia to the President of the United States on the subject of our naval defence, we doubt not would be attended with prompt and immediate success, and we hope, Sir, the Executive will be able to furnish from their own resources, the requisite swords, field pieces &c. for the above mentioned companies.

We have the honor to be, &c.

Jas. Baytop, Lt.-Col. Com'g 21st Reg't,
Sam'l Cary, Major,
Mord. Cooke, Major,
Thomas Lewis, Major of Artillery,
Warner Lewis, Capt. Do.,
John Lewis, 1st Lieut. Do.,
Lewis Burwell, 2nd Lieut. Do.,
T. B. Whiting, Capt. of Cavalry,
Francis Willis, 1st Sergeant Cav'y,
F. Whiting, Lieut. of Militia,
Win. Camp, Capt. Do.,
Mann Page, Capt. Light Infantry,
Nathaniel Burwell, Adju't 21st Reg't,
Wm. Jones, Ensign to Infantry,
Thomas Cooke, Lieut. Militia,
Meaux Thornton, Capt. Militia,
F. W. Cooke, 2nd Lieut. Cavalry,
T. B. Fox, Serg't. Cavalry.

JOHN KOOTZ TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 12 Soliciting aid in procuring two pieces of Artillery for his company at Harrisonburg.

B. H. LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Suggesting that the slate for the roof at the Penitentiary house should be either 14 inches long, to show 5 inches, or 18 inches long, to show 7½ inches.

1798.
July 12,
Petersburg

SAM. MARSH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting a supply of 50 stand of arms for a company of Infantry lately organized in Norfolk.

July 16,
Norfolk

EDM'D THOMAS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Permit me to address you once again on the subject of my mission, having nearly brought it to a close. I hope occasion will not require me to be again troublesome. On receiving those original papers authorized by law, I find two hundred and upwards in the Register's office, which was not acted on before the separation of Kentucky from Virginia took place, which the Register appears not fully satisfied is comprehended in the law of Virginia, passed in the October session, 1793. These are the papers mentioned in my address in June, 1797, on which the fees of office had been paid and not carried into grant. On taking those papers to the State of Kentucky, without the fees of office, they cannot be acted on, under a law of that State which passed November, 1797, making it the duty of persons having claims to land not as yet patented, to return their plats and certificates to the Register's office by the last of December next. I beg leave to submit this to the consideration of your honorable Board, and if not found consistent to let those fees accompany the surveys on which they have been paid, I beg such a resolution as will remove the difficulty which the Register appears to have in delivering these papers. I farther take the liberty in observing there is now a number of Grants for Land within the State of Kentucky lying in the Register's office of this State which is much wanted by the proprietors, and it will be a great convenience to them if you will admit of my taking them out.

July 17,
Richmond

Permit me, sir, to make use of the present opportunity in acknowledging the favor conferred in granting the privilege of a room in the Capitol for my office, and the particular attention which your honorable body has given to my several letters.

I have, &c.

WM. PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

1798.
July 17,
Land Office

Inclosed is a copy of the contractor's return of surveys by him recorded, which records have been brought in and found to agree with the number mentioned in his return. I am happy to observe that all these surveys without the Northern Neck District are now recorded, leaving such as are within the said District to be completed, which I presume will be done by the meeting of the General Assembly. As those records are altogether useless without alphabets, and, as daily applications are made for their examination, I beg leave to suggest the propriety of having the records alphabetized as soon as possible.

With much respect, I am, &c.

July 17 Under my contract with the Executive, I now send you the Records completed since the last return, containing in all six thousand seven hundred and eighty-three plots and certificates of survey, all of which have been examined with the originals and found to be fairly and accurately transcribed.

I am, &c.

WM. PRICE.

Am't of acc. rendered p'r Currie & Pumphrey,	-	-	£43.8.0
Ditto Ditto Thomas Brend,	-	-	16.0.0
			<u>£59.8.0</u>

A copy:

WM. PRICE, Esq'r, Register of Land Office.

C. MENNIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 18,
Bedford

Soliciting aid in procuring the loan of cannon from the U. S. Government for the use of his Regiment; or for the permission of the Governor to convert his Regiment into a Cavalry Regiment.

J. DAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 19,
Philadel-
phia

I wrote you in haste by the last mail and now forward to you by Mr. Tazewell, dollars 4848 33-100, the am't of what I have this morning received from the War Office.

This sum is less than I expected: an appropriation has been made by

Congress to cover the whole claim and yet the Secretary at War cannot "at this moment" determine on that of the paymaster altho' the accounts have been before him several months. It is a pleasant thing to transact business with men of business.

1798.
July 19,
Philadel-
phia

I must pray you to have this money properly receipted for.

I am still of the opinion which I gave in my last as to the meeting of the Assembly. Of this, however, you are better able to judge.

I have, &c.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *July 19th, 1798.*

SIR:

I have admitted the following claims of the Executive of Virginia against the United States, viz:

1. The expenses incurred by the officers composing a Court-Martial for the purpose of trying Col. Wells, amounting to - - \$264 88
2. Ditto for trying Capt. Caperton, - - - - 166 06
3. Ditto witnesses attending trial of Capt. Hawkins, . - - 13 33
4. Expenses incurred in arresting the ship Unicorn, - - 97 98

\$542 25

With respect to the claim on account of payments made to paymasters appointed by the Executive of Virginia to pay Militia employed in the defensive protection of the frontier, it has been thought advisable to defer any decision thereon till such time as the subject can be further investigated, it not being in the power of the Secretary at this moment to make the necessary inquiries to establish the ground for such appointments and expenses. The claim for payments on account of seventeen Catawba Indians cannot be admitted, their visit not being authorized by the General Government nor any of its agents.

I am, &c.

JAMES MCHENRY.

John Dawson, Esq.

JOHN DAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

I did myself the honor of writing to you on yesterday, and of forwarding to you four thousand eight hundred and forty-eight dollars thirty-three cents, the amount of what I have been able to obtain for the State from the Secretary of War.

July 20,
Philadel-
phia

Altho' the accounts have been before him many months and I obtained an appropriation to cover the whole claim, he postpones a decision of the paymasters, saying that Col. Steele informed him that you were in possession of vouchers which would assist him in forming a judgment.

I propose to leave this on Monday to visit some springs near Albany.

1798.
July 20,
Philadel-
phia

and to return to Virginia through Philadelphia about the middle of September.

I need not assure you of my readiness to render any services in my power to the State and to you.

I have, &c.

July 22,
Cumberland

Resignation of Capt. Wm. Randolph, Commandant of Artillery in Cumberland.

JOHN CLARKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 23

By a rough calculation (not having had sufficient time since Saturday evening to make an accurate one) the houses, waterworks, &c., for the manufacturing of small arms, exclusive of ordnance, will amount to upwards of three-fourths of the sum that the whole works would cost; that is to say, if the works for making the ordnance were included.

The stone masons with whom I have conversed, inform me that the stone work which does not require lime may be done for sixteen shillings per perch, and the work which requires lime for eighteen shillings per perch; but I have no certain information as to the price for making or laying bricks, nor the prices for which the materials of wood and iron can be procured. I suppose the prices for the materials cannot be known accurately until the work is contracted for.

By the stone masons and brick makers, who are desirous of undertaking the stone and brick work, I am informed that the stone work and brick work for the whole manufactory may be done in the present year, but the season being considerably advanced they would not have time to do it if the work is not immediately commenced.

I am, &c.

W. FOUSHEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 24,
Richmond

By desire of the Board of Directors of the Public Buildings I have to request a warrant for one thousand dollars under the appropriation of the Act of the last Assembly for finishing the Capitol, and am. &c.

RO. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 25,
Arsenal

Informing him of shipment of 600 stand of arms to Richmond, according to order.

WM. HALLEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Petition of himself, signed also by officers of the 10th and 91st Regiments, to be exempted from a fine imposed on him for retailing Liquor to the Regiments on general muster without separate License.

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July 25,
Bedford

JOHN CLARKE TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Finding (since I delivered to you the plan for the Manufactory of arms) that stone work may be done at as little expense as brick work, and it being deemed prudent to have more stone work in the buildings and less brick work than was intended when I delivered the plan, I have made the additions of stone work where it appeared necessary, and deducted from the brick work in proportion, and find that the manufactory will not require more than eighteen hundred and thirty perch of stone work and one million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand bricks. As the season for such work is somewhat advanced, you will pardon me for suggesting the necessity of having this work immediately commenced.

July 27,
Powhatan

I am endeavoring to get the bills for the other materials ready to deliver at your board on Tuesday next. If I cannot, they shall be ready in a day or two after.

I am, &c.

At a meeting of the President and directors of the James River Company, on the 27th of November, 1798:

July 27

A letter from his Excellency the Governor, and one from John Clarke, the Superintendent of the Manufactory of arms, having been laid before the Board, requesting to be informed at what price the James River Company would furnish one hundred and sixty square inches of water for the use of the public Manufactory of arms, to be taken out of the canal four and a-half feet below the surface at two different places—

Resolved, That the Company will furnish the quantity of water in the manner required, at the rate of Eight Dollars annually per square inch, which they deem moderate, as the fall is sufficient for the water to be used three times over, and that the public may be accommodated with the water whenever they think proper to use it.

Extract from the minutes:

ROBERT POLLARD, Cl'k.

Commission of Nathaniel Burwell as Sheriff of King William filed.

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July 28 Proposals for Carpenter's work of the Penitentiary house submitted by the following parties:

Alexander McKim, Moses Bales, Robert Hyde, David Halloway, Wm. McKim, A. Barret & Callise.

NAT. SHEPPARD TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 28 Mr. Tazewell has brought on from Mr. Dawson \$4,848 33 in Bank notes of the United States and Alexandria to be paid into the Treasury.

As they are not legally receivable at the Treasury, you will much oblige me by letting me know, as soon as convenient, whether the Executive will direct them to be received, Mr. Tazewell being anxious to have the business settled this forenoon.

I am, &c.

GEORGE WHEELER TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 31,
Fredericks-
burg Sends proposals for manufacturing arms for the State at his mill in Culpeper.

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 2,
Norfolk Since I wrote your Excellency, some vessels have arrived from Jamaica. The accounts by them are that the yellow fever rages there, and that several people have died belonging to the vessels which had arrived there. From the small expense that will attend the examination of vessels coming in, by the Doct'r of the Port, I think it would be prudent to have it done, and shall be glad of your Excellency's opinion thereon.

There is no occasion for any boat or any person to be employed but the Doct'r, unless a vessel should be infected; in that case, it would be proper to employ some man as a guard, to see that no evasion happened from the vessel. If a Proclamation is necessary, I think a general one would be proper, as all the Islands are in the same situation.

I am, &c.

THOS. SEAYRES TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 2,
King
William Soliciting an appointment as Lieutenant in the new Arsenal Guard.

SAM'L MARSH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting commissions for the officers of a Company of Light Infantry to be attached to the 44th Regiment.

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August 2,
Norfolk

DAVID LAMBETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting appointment as Superintendent of the Penitentiary house.

August 3

JAMES McHENRY TO THE GOVERNOR.

This morning I was honored with your letter of the 27th ultimo—In the present state of things, I do not conceive it expedient to dispose of any part of the field artillery belonging to the Government. But I have no objection to making the purchase of the cannon you mention for money: Provided on the usual inspection, they should be found to answer our purpose. As a prelude to this, I pray you to state to me precisely the number and size of both the Brass and Iron Pieces, their Calibres, length and weight, and the rate at which the whole may be purchased.

August 3,
War Office

When I receive this, I will write you conclusively on the subject.

I have, &c.

WM. HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

I am at present so much indisposed from a spell of sickness that I have had for a fortnight, that I am not able to go through the higher parts of the building to examine the work in such a manner as to pass a decided opinion thereon. I was over at the Penitentiary the day before yesterday in company with General Guerant, and found my head would not admit me to go aloft.

August 9,
Richmond

I mean to set off for the Green Springs the day after to-morrow, and perhaps it will not be in my power to render that service to the public which I wish.

I do not know whether the Executive have any objection to call on Mr. Dobie; if they have not, and he has no prejudices against Mr. Latrobe, I would recommend him as the best judge I know of work of this kind, and I must candidly confess that I do not consider myself as a competent judge.

I have, &c.

FRA'S WALKER TO THE GOVERNOR.

1798. Report on state of arms of the Light Infantry Company of the 88th
 August 10, Regiment.
 Albermarle

ROBERT BROOKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 10, Recommending for appointment Dr. David C. Ker as Captain, Fielding
 Fredericks- Lucas as Lieutenant, and Thomas Baggot as Ensign of a volunteer
 burg Infantry Company being formed in Fredericksburg.

FONTAINE MAURY TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 10, Recommending Dr. David C. Ker for appointment in whatever line he
 Fredericks- desires.
 burg

MATT. HARVEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 11, Report on condition of arms in the possession of the 48th Regiment.
 Fincastle

RO. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 14, Inquiring as to the retention of the Artificers at Point of Fork after
 Arsenal September 1st, and as to the increase of the Guard.

WILLIAM DABNEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 14, Proposing to furnish Coal for the use of the Capitol for the ensuing
 Richmond winter at eleven pence per bushel, and for the Penitentiary at nine pence
 per bushel, deliverable at Harvie's pond.

DRS. FOUSHEE AND LEEPER TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 17, Report on sanitary condition of two Philadelphia vessels, on board of
 Richmond which several seamen died on the voyage to Richmond of some malig-
 nant fever.

THOS. WHITE TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 18, Praying remission of a fine for not obeying a summons to serve as a
 Richmond juror.

JAMES BRECKENRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Concerning the transportation of Iron for the Penitentiary.

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August 20

ROBERT BROOKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Complaining of the remissness of Clerks of Courts in not furnishing him copies of papers of the examining courts in criminal cases. Suggesting that measures be taken by the Legislature to compel them to this duty. Also that the expense of Postage of the Attorney General's office be defrayed by the State out of the civil contingent fund.

August 20,
Richmond

JAMES PRIMM TO SAM'L COLEMAN.

Asking for thirty-three copies of Military Instructions for the officers of the 45th Regiment, on order from General Blackwell.

August 21,
Stafford

JOHN HARDEN AND BENJAMIN HAILEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Proposition for furnishing Brick for Building Public Armory.

August 21

WM. PARHAM TO THE GOVERNOR.

Setting forth that whereas Lieut. Rives of Capt. Call's Company of Light Infantry of Prince George, has failed to raise the quota of men requisite to entitle him to the Captaincy, that he Parham, Ensign of s'd Comp'y having enlisted the necessary quota, is entitled to the commission promised on that condition.

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ROBERT GOODE AND WM. FOURSHEE, DIRECTORS OF THE PUB. BUILDINGS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

In conformity with a Act of the last session of Assembly, we have proceeded to have two Reservoirs constructed on the Public Square; they are complete: the cost of both is one thousand dollars. We will therefore be much obliged by a warrant for five hundred dollars, (five hundred having been already ordered on this score), which will be in full of the appropriation for the purpose aforesaid.

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Richmond

We Remain Sir, Your, &c.

THOMAS LEFTWICH, DAVID SAUNDERS, THOS. LOGWOOD, AND OTHERS
TO THE GOVERNOR.

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August 27,
Bedford Recommending Capt. Joseph Holt, of Bedford, of the 91st Regiment,
for appointment as Superintendent of Arsenals.

JAMES GARRARD TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 27,
Frankfort
Kentucky Yours of the 3rd May last covering the copy of a letter from two of
the Judges of your General Court, contain information of the theft of
Jack Cox or Knox by certain persons mentioned in the letter I received
about six weeks ago, and immediately instituted an inquiry concerning
the said Jack Cox. About three weeks ago I met with Mr. Slone at this
place; he informed me he had a boy of that description in his posses-
sion that he purchased in Culpeper county, near Normon's Ford; the
boy he called Bill, having purchased him by that name. He assured
me should he prove to be the boy mentioned by the Judges he will
cheerfully give him up; he has further assured me the boy shall not be
removed out of the State, nor out of his possession, before his friends can
have an opportunity of proving his right to freedom. Inclosed I send
you a copy of a letter sent me by Mr. Slone after his return to Nelson
county, which may furnish you with a Clue to ascertain the truth of the
fact alleged in the Judge's letter.

You will be so good as to give me the earliest information on this sub-
ject after you make the necessary enquiries to satisfy yourself respecting
the boy, and rest assured I shall contribute everything consistant with
my duty to see the boy liberated, should he be the Jack Cox mentioned
in the Letter.

Accept, Sir, the expressions of my best wishes, &c.

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 28,
Richmond Recommending Major John Russell, of Hanover, as a candidate for
appointment as commandant of Arsenals.

SAM'L SHEPARD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 1,
Auditor's
Office Sending in account of Pub. Riders for carrying out Executions,
Notices, &c., to Nov. General Court; asking an order on the Treasurer for
payment of same.

YORKTOWN, *July 5th, 1798.*

SIR:

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Sept. 1,
Auditor's
Office

When I had the honor of seeing your Excellency not long since I took the liberty of mentioning the subject of furnishing arms and accoutrements for the company of Light Infantry belonging to the 68th Regiment, with the command of which the Executive had entrusted me.

I had mentioned that I had troubled the Executive upon the subject in the year 1794, and that I had been informed that the honorable Board had made an order that the company should be furnished, which has never yet been done. The exposed situation of this part of the country to depredation and injury from piratical marauders on account of its contiguity and openness to the sea, at that time was, as it now is, and must be, the cause and apology for this application for arms, &c., for the company, which I then made and now take the liberty to make. The necessity for being prepared for defence in such cases seems to be increased, and is at this moment very great. There are accounts that a French privateer has been very lately in Mobjack Bay, and that one of these within two or three nights past has been within Hampton Roads, from whence a large ship was taken and carried off by it.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS NELSON.

B. H. LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

When I made the agreement with Col. Harvie under which the new road to this building has been dug, it was understood that, as the road round the west side of the Prison was useless to the public and that into the Gate useless to Col. Harvie, the laborers supplied by each party should make by joint labor both roads. The former has been completed, but the latter, notwithstanding repeated directions and solicitations on my part, was not attempted.

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Penitentiary

It has not become absolutely necessary that the contractor should dig the sewers on the west side of the building. The rain water of the whole area of the work has during the last twelve months found its way into the west cellars, and has done very considerable damage, which every day increases. To dig these sewers it is absolutely necessary to finish the road up to the Arch, as they cross the other road. The contractor, however, has pleaded, and I believe with reason, that to make the road is not within his contract. We have no laborers of our own upon the ground, and as the contractor cannot proceed with any work of present importance until this road is completed, I have taken the liberty on my own personal responsibility to engage the laborers of the contractor to finish the road rather than delay any longer a work so urgently necessary

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as the means of taking off the water from the west foundations previous to their being further loaded by the story above the Men's Infirmary.

I most respectfully lay this matter before your honorable Board, and beg that you will be pleased to authorize the work to proceed. It will be finished in the course of a few days.

I have, &c.

SAMUEL MÜLFORD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 6,
Rocketts,
Richmond

According to the Instructions I received from your Excellency, I chartered the Sloop Rachell, Capt. Woodward, he finding himself and one hand for four dollars per day. I likewise have employed three hands at Ten dollars per month, and proceeded and took station at Hayes's Island. Yesterday I boarded the Sloop Johns, Capt. Meredith, from City Point; found the Capt. and two of the hands dangerously ill; immediately forwarded an Express to Dr. Leiper, who has attended and prescribed for the surviving two, one having died previous to his arrival. I have supplied them with some immediate necessaries, they being in want of everything.

I wait your Excellency's further instructions for procuring an attendant and such necessaries as they may require.

I remain, &c.

D'R SIR:

I am perfectly of opinion the man who died last night must been carried off by the Yellow Fever. The corpse very yellow, with large purple marks.

The sloop from City Point who has now a sick man on board, is getting yellow eyes and neck, has puked up in my presence matter resembling the grounds of coffee. A distressing hiccough; will probably die. Shall call and see you as I return.

Y'rs, &c.,

AND. LEIPER.

16th Sep'r, 1798.
Mr. Geo. Nicolson.

JAMES TALLEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 7,
Richmond

Being the owner of a lot on the So. side of the canal opposite to Mr. Paine's Coal yard, it is my wish to erect a Grist-Mill thereon. I therefore take the liberty to ask of you and the Hon'ble the Council, permission that the water from my mill may be suffered to pass down a run

which is discharged into the river, which run is conveyed under the canal by an arch and thro' my lott and a part of the Public Ground to the River. It is presumed the additional water which will be necessary for my mill will not in any manner injure the ground belonging to the Commonwealth, particularly as there is a bottom of rock almost the whole way, and it is not desired that the course of the present run of water should be changed. Should it be thought proper that the ground should be viewed by a person skilled in such business, I will attend at any time and explain my plan and point out the course for the discharge of the water from the mill to the River.

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Richmond

I am, &c.

SAM'L MULFORD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Agreeable to your instructions last received, I procured a nurse and supplied the sick on board the Sloop Johns, with every necessary they stood in need of. Between the hours of twelve and one, the Capt. expired: the coffin preparing and expect to have him interred by ten o'clock; shall be thankful to your Excellency for money to discharge the expenses that accrued. Any other directions shall be punctually attended to by

Sept. 8,
Rockets,
Richmond

Your, &c.,

There has been no appearance of disease on board any vessel since arrived.

B. H. LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Having now nearly compleated the Road to the Penitentiary house, the Contractor's workmen are ready to proceed with the sewer. Great progress has been made in the proposed chains for securing the West Wing, which still remains exactly in the state in which it appeared on striking the centers; but for want of another good smith and striker, the Iron work goes on heavily. Mr. Paul is a very good nailer. The Superintendent's illness has prevented the report upon the stone work being in readiness to be submitted to the Executive this day. It will be laid before you next week. I beg leave once more to remind the Executive, of the very great urgency of considering the means of supplying the Penitentiary house with water; and to refer to my reports of the last season upon this subject, I had hoped that the building would have been ready to receive convicts in December. My exertions however have been ineffectual: but as the woodwork may be done during the winter, it cannot be doubted that the square part of the Prison will be compleated early in Spring.

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Without a very copious supply of Water, it will then be unfit to be inhabited.

I received about 14 days ago, the intimation of the Executive that a proposition had been made at the Council, to remove me from my office as Architect to the Penitentiary house. It was my intention to have immediately applied for a decision upon a subject of so much importance to my present and future interests: but as I am convinced that such intimation was given to me from motives of attention and delicacy, I have been unwilling to trust myself with an early expression of my feelings on the subject, lest they might betray me into anything that might not appear consistent with my respect for the Honorable Board.

In the mean time, I hope I shall be pardoned in saying, that conscious as I am, that I have very far exceeded the limits of my precise duty in my exertions to be useful to the public—that I have sacrificed, and am at this moment sacrificing situations infinitely more eligible in point of emolument, to my determination not to forsake the employment in which I first embarked—knowing that I have now educated a set of workmen capable of finishing the work, who when I first met them, were unable to execute anything beyond the commonest arch—that I have done the duties of two situations ever since I was appointed—that it is impossible with justice, to charge me with the slightest infidelity or neglect, and that in fact no such charge has ever been made.

I hope I shall be pardoned in saying, that such a record of disgrace as now appears against me upon the books of the Honorable Council of State, entered without my having the most distant conception of the accusation against me—or knowing against what charge, and against whom I have to defend myself, is to me a punishment which could only be due to some flagrant and proved misconduct. I am unwilling to anticipate the determination of the Executive respecting the day fixed, nor has the anxious and lengthened suspense in which I am held, diminished my zeal to fulfil my duty: but if the Honorable Board would indulge me with a hearing on Tuesday next, I should feel myself infinitely obliged to your Excellency to express such my request.

I am, Sir, &c.

MR. PAUL'S ACCOUNT OF EIGHT DAYS' WORK.

Sept. 8

Paul 8s. 6d., son 6s. per day.

Making a Tew iron and jobs, one day, - - - - - £0.14.6

Brick borer, 4½ days,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.03.3
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Two plain chain and jobs, 2½ days,	-	-	-	-	-	1.16.3
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£5.14.0

The brick borer is worth at most 1s. 6d. per pound. It is badly executed and has been new-bitted by Featherston. It weighs 12 lbs.										1798. Sept. 8
Value,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£0.18.0
Cost the public:										
Iron, independent of waste, at 4½d.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£0.04.6
Steel,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Labor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.03.3
										£3.09.0

John Jones' certificate of the resignation of Thomas Atkinson as Captain in the 39th Regiment of Dinwiddie Militia in the year 1795. Notwithstanding, through the inattention of said Jones, said Atkinson was fined for non-attendance on Brigade Inspection on the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th Sept., 1796. which he prays may be remitted.

William Sampson on June 20th and Charles Royster, September 10th, recommend Wm. G. Payne for a Lieutenancy at one of the Arsenals proposed to be established under the Act of Assembly.

HANOVER COUNTY COURT, *Sept. 19, 1798.*

Ordered, that it be certified to the Governor and Council that it appears to the Court that Mary Hogans, who was on the list of Pensioners, and who was in extreme indigent circumstances, lived with Christopher Haynes in her last illness, from the first of October last until the last of December following, when she departed this life; that she was supported by him with great care and attention, and that he has received no compensation for the same.

A copy—Teste:

THO. POLLARD, D. C. H. C.

Estimate of the Expense of Altering the Design of the Roof of the Penitentiary House from a Hip Roof to a Gable Roof.

N. B.—If the roof be covered with Slate the Hips of the Hip roof must be leaded and also the valleys.

If the roof be a Gable roof, the Ridge of the Gable must be leaded, and the fillets of the lower roof where it meets the Gable Wall.

The fillets are equal to the valleys. The Ridge is 29 feet long, the top of the straight cornice is 28 feet long, making in each roof 57 feet. The

1798. Hip Rafters are 20 feet long, making in each roof 80 feet, so that there
 Sept. 22 will be in each roof 23 feet more of lead than in the Gable roof. This
 lead must be 1 foot six inches wide and weigh 6 pounds to the square
 foot. This will make the Hip roof more expensive in lead, as follows:
 33 feet 6 inches sup. ft. at 6 lbs. to the foot, - 201 lbs., say 2 cwt.
 Two cwt. of lead at \$8 the cwt. is - - - - - \$16 00
 For four roofs, - - - - - 4 00

Total additional expense in lead, - - - - - \$64 00

There will be some more expense in cutting the shingles to the hip,
 which at the highest calculation may be estimated at \$36, making the Hip
 roof more expensive than the Gable roof \$100.

In every other respect the Hip roof and the Gable roof are equal. The
 same number of shingles will cover each, and although the Hip roof is
 stronger and takes less timber, as it requires no wind braces, no Gable
 plates, I shall not calculate up this circumstance in favor of the Hip
 roof.

The Gable will cost beyond the Hip roof the following:

Eight Gables will take 36,500 Bricks, which at \$10 for laying
 and materials, - - - - - \$365 00

Each Gable or Pediment has 36 feet raking cornice, which in
 timber, joiners' work, nails, and painting cannot possibly be
 estimated at less than 7s. 6d. per foot, as it projects 1 foot 6
 inches, and cannot now be altered, the roof being framed to
 that additional space, nor would the very high walls be prop-
 erly protected by a less projection.

Eight Pediments make 288 of raking cornice at \$1 25, - - 360 00

Waste of timber framed to a Hip roof, new timber for the Gable
 roof, and new framing cannot be less than - - - 100 00

\$825 00

Deduct saving of lead, &c., - - - - - 100 00

\$725 00

B. H. LATROBE AND THOS. CALLIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 22, We have attentively examined and measured the stone work executed
 Penitentiary by Messrs. Baird & Robertson at the Penitentiary house from the 25th
 House of July to the present date, and find the same to amount to—

1,802 ft. 1 super. ft. work at 2s.9d., - - - - - £247.16.6

69 " 7 cube aghler at 3s., - - - - - 10.08.9

148 " 10 sup. ft. scapelling to do. at 1s.6d., - - - 11.02.7½

£269.7.10½

These dimensions include every part of the work which is charged in the bill delivered to the Executive on the 1st of Sep'r, amounting to £199.19.9½, and also all that has been wrought and set from the 27th of August up to the 20th of September.

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Of this amount only £167.6.4 is accounted for in the estimate laid before the Legislative Assembly in the last session. The remaining sum of £102.1.6½ is a charge for work which was not contemplated at the time of making the Estimate. This extra work consists of Stone Pillars to support the groins of 6 rooms, stone imports to all the external arches, stone Corbels in the spandrels of the arches, and Keystones to the large groins. The tenderness of the Bricks and the rapidity with which the work has been carried on, has rendered it highly necessary to employ stone in all these situations. The expence of Brick work saved by the use of this Extra stone in pillars and in diminished size of arches and Spandrels, amounts to—

18,750 Bricks and laying at £3 per M.,	-	-	-	-	-	£56.5.0
336 ft. of cut splay at 9d.,	-	-	-	-	-	12.2.0
						<u>£68.7.0</u>

So that the extraordinary expense of stone work in the whole estimate up to this day, is £33.14.6½, and the building has thereby gained a solidity in its weakest parts that will forever secure it from danger. Much room has also been acquired by substituting small stone pillars for massy Brick piers.

The work already executed and specified in the Estimate falls rather below the estimated amount, and there still remains somewhat more than 300 pounds worth of work still to be executed.

All the stone which will be required this season is now on the ground, and we are informed that the greatest part of the remainder is ready in the quarry.

In about a fortnight the gate will be completed and the front wall coped.

The particular dimensions of every stone are recorded in the measuring book of the work.

We are, &c.

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Your Excellency's favor I received this day: be assured that every economy shall be used in saving for the public, but on such occasions we are under a necessity of paying higher wages than for common services. I shall be obliged if your Exc'y will furnish Mr. Boyce, who will deliver

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this, with three hundred dollars on acc't, as I have the well to pay for and the wages of the boat hands: the scarcity of circulating cash compels me to make this request, or I should not have done it. This place is as healthy as common at this season. Due attention shall be paid to the proclamation.

I am, &c.

Sept. 25

An order from the Court of Directors of the Hospital at Williamsburg to the Treasurer of the Hospital, to call on the Executive for a warrant on the Treasurer of the State for one thousand dollars.

WILL. RUSSELL, Cl'k.

QUARANTINE OF RICHMOND, *October 1st, 1798.*

Certificate of Capt. Morton Welch and crew of the schooner Little Betsey, from New Castle, Delaware, as to the continued healthfulness of themselves during their voyage to Richmond, with reasons for passing the Quarantine at City Point without permission.

A Quarterly Report of the Arms, Ammunition, and Military Stores at the Point of Fork Arsenal up to the 1st of October, 1798.

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1 16-inch Mortar, 1 Brass 6-pounder, 6,730 Muskets in good order, 1,218 Muskets with new unground Bayonets, 250 Pickers and Brushes, 2,936 Musket Worms, 129 Screw Drivers, 298 Brass-hilted Swords with new Belts and Scabbards, 75 Iron-hilted Ditto with new Belts and Scabbards, 7 barrels of Gun Powder, 40 Pigs of Lead, 180 Case Shot, 260 Round Shot from 4 to 6-pounders, 30 rheams of Cartridge Paper, 18 barrels of Flints, 1,650 lbs. of Ball and Buckshot.

Work Done this Quarter: 1,478 Muskets taken to pieces, cleaned, and oiled, 348 Bayonets ground.

RO. QUARLES, Sup't.

RO. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Oct. 1

Asking for medical attendance and medicines for the soldiers at the Arsenal to be furnished by the State. Also whether rations for wife and daughter of M. Jordan are to be continued; as to painting Armory and repairs to dwelling-houses; as to purchase of winter clothing for Guard.

Informing of letting the contract for rations for the next year, of the receipt of Governor's letter and in consequence of the discharge of all the artificers except four, of the near completion of the Fort.

Geo. Nicholson, Sup't Quarantine, suggests that the Quarantine port be moved from City Point to Richmond, where any who need supplies or refreshments may more easily obtain them. He makes an exception of Capt. Welsh's case.

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WM. B. GILES TO THE GOVERNOR.

The impaired state of my health has induced me to retire from public employment. I therefore do hereby resign my seat in the House of Representatives of the United States.

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Be pleased, sir, to accept my respectful compliments, &c.

Receipts of the following officers of counties composing the Congressional Dist. lately represented by the Hon. Wm. B. Giles of the Governor's writ for the time of holding a new election therein, viz: Edw'd Wills, sh'ff of Nottoway; Edw'd Moseley, sh'ff of Buckingham; Davis Booker, sh'ff of Amelia; Jordan Reese, sh'ff of Dinwiddie.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY,
August Sessions, 1794.

Robert Love came into Court and made oath that Benjamin Blackburn, who then stood present, was the same man who was wounded in an action commonly called the battle of Point Pleasant.

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I, Charles McClurg, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Knox, do certify that the foregoing is a copy from the Records of the said Court, and that the same was required by the same Benjamin Blackburn that is therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said county, this third day of October, 1798.

CHARLES MCCLURG.

Petition of Z. Rowland for the pardon of Capt. Morton Welch, master of the schooner Liberty, of Richmond, last from New Castle, Del., for passing the Quarantine port at City Point without the permission of the Health Officer.

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ELISHA C. DICK TO THE GOVERNOR.

Under his appointment as Superintendent of Quarantine under Act of Assembly of 1795 he was authorized to erect a house on Jones' Point, but did not find use for it until the succeeding year, when he found it

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necessary to have the house, and on his own responsibility built one, to which he desired to have the Governor's sanction.

Informing of the danger at Alexandria of Yellow Fever. A vessel from Philadelphia having brought some cases there, and a young student of Dr. Dick's visiting them, with the Doctor, contracted the disease and communicated it to two members of the Doctor's family, who recovered.

A. RICHARDSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Oct. 10,
Suffolk

Desiring to retain his commission as Sheriff of Nansemond county, altho' he had failed to furnish the security within the time prescribed by law, as per Clerk's certificate filed.

R. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Oct. 13,
Arsenal

Informing him of the awarding the contract for the supplies for the Arsenal for the coming year to Mr. John Dawson, the lowest bidder, at 12½ cents per ration and 3 cents per gill for spirits, and forwarding bond of contractor.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DUNDAS, MAYOR, AND THE COMMONALTY OF
ALEXANDRIA TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Alexandria

Setting forth the danger to the inhabitants of that town from the contagion of Yellow Fever and other diseases imported by land and water, and that the Quarantine performed by vessels is at a point too near the town, and the examination of those coming by land is within the town.

Suggesting a co-operation with the authorities of the State of Maryland for the joint occupancy by the two States of Craney Island, in the Potomac River, for a Quarantine post, and such other measures as will guard the inhabitants against these infectious diseases.

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Know all men by these presents, that we James M. Marshall and John Marshall, are held and firmly bound to his Excellency James Wood, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to his successors, in the sum of one thousand pounds, to the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Ex'rs and Adm'rs firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this 17th day of October, 1798.

Whereas by an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the sale of certain parcels of lands in the town of Romney, and for other purposes therein mentioned," it is among other things enacted, that the Executive shall be

authorized, on application of any person making out a title to the said land, to direct the Auditor to issue a warrant payable out of any money in the Treasury to the applicant, he giving bond with approved security to refund the same to any person who may hereafter produce a better title; and whereas James M. Marshall has made out a title to the said land, and has applied for the money arising from the said sales, and the Executive has directed that the same be paid to him on his executing a bond with approved security according to the said act, now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound James M. Marshall shall well and truly pay the sum of money received by him under the said order, to any person who shall hereafter produce a better title, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

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J. M. MARSHALL. [SEAL.]

J. MARSHALL. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

J. RATCLIFFE,
BENJ'N HARRISON, JR.,
GEO. PICKETT.

THOS. TINSLEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Defending his right to the sheriffalty of Hanover at the expiration of the term of White, the occupant, for which office he had given bond and security on the 21st of July, 1798. Subsequently accepted the office of commissioner for valuation of lands under the U. S. Government.

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The Board decided that he did not become Sheriff until he took the oath of office, and did not hold both offices at same time.

The opinion of Dan'l Call sustaining this view of the case; that of Rob't Brook dissenting—both filed.

R. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sending 3 med. accounts against two of the guards, £14.3.8; also proposal of Dr. Porter for attendance and medicine to the Garrison by the year for £50.

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Arsenal

W. FOURSHEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

In compliance with a request of the Directors of the Public Buildings, I beg leave to state to your Honorable Board that the roof of the Capitol is now finished with composition or cement, which it is confi-

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dently believed will not only preserve the wood from the common effects of the weather for a very considerable time, but will also effectually prevent the roof from taking fire. The bills attending this for materials in oil, Lime, sand, ashes, labor, and attention in procuring, preparing, and laying on the composition, together with sundry other necessary services rendered to the Building and the Public in securing and weighing the lead, removing and doing wooden work for replacing the Franklin, &c., &c., amounting in the whole to the sum of £272.0.6, as per the following accounts, which have been inspected and examined by the Directors, viz:

James Heron, for oil, - - - - -	£ 92.11.6
Ben. Duvall, " Do., - - - - -	114.09.0
Anderson Barret, for 2 accounts for materials, workmanship, &c., - - - - -	65.00.0
Making, as mentioned above, - - - - -	£272.00.6

for which the Directors conceive the Fund specifically appropriated in their hands alone is not answerable, but is to come out of the sales of the Lead. I have, therefore, on behalf of the said Directors, and at their desire, to request an order for payment of the above amount.

Mr. Henry Robertson, the undertaker to finish the outside of the Capitol, having nearly laid on all the coating, &c., I am also desired to request a warrant for one thousand dollars under the appropriation of the last General Assembly for that purpose.

With much respect, I am, &c.

B. H. LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Richmond

Describing the violent and apparently insane attack made by Featherstone, blacksmith at the Penitentiary, on Mr. Brady, Shortis, and other workmen; requesting the interference of the Board in the matter.

WM. PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Oct. 27,
Auditor's
Office

Since my return of the 17th of July last I have received from the Contractor two Record Books, containing one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six plots and certificates of Surveys, which have undergone an examination and found correctly transcribed.

Those records are unalphabetized.

With much respect, am, &c.

STEPHEN WRIGHT TO THE GOVERNOR.

I beg leave to enclose you a return of the Publick Arms in the 7th and 95th Regiments.

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Col. Wilson informed me a little before his death that he had some in his possession; the number he did not mention.

I am, &c.

Return of Public Arms in the County of Norfolk Companies.

	Stands In Order.	Stands Out of Order.
7th Regiment—		
Capt. Bernard Magman, - - - - -	28	22
Win. B. Herbert. - - - - -	8	25
Wright Bowers, - - - - -	10	4
Paul D. Luke, - - - - -	4	
John Kearns, - - - - -	20	36
Willis Wilkins, - - - - -	8	11
Nat. Cowper, - - - - -	25	
95th Regiment—		
William Marley, - - - - -	20	
Thos. Shephert, - - - - -	50	
Wilson Butt, - - - - -	22	20
	195	118
	118	
	313	

THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Your Excellency's favor I received and directed Messrs. Willit and O'Cannon to send their Herald. If Norfolk was properly supported by Virginia, it would soon vie with the most flourishing cities in the Union. The resources of N. Carolina would mostly be deposited there, and also the greatest part of the Western Territories of this State as well as Kentucky &c.: but a little distance of a cut will introduce the western waters into the Dismal S. Canal.

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Norfolk

I am now of opinion that the expense of Quarantine may safely cease as the cold must have stopped all infection. Your Excellency will please inform me the pleasure of the Executive thereon.

With the greatest respect, I am, &c.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

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At the desire of Mr. Pendleton, I have seen, counted and deposited in one of the large committee rooms in the Capitol, five hundred Cartridge Boxes made and delivered by Joseph Greaves, in pursuance of an advice of Council of the 29th of May last, recognizing the acceptance of proposals from John Tinsley and the said Joseph Greaves, each to furnish two thousand of the said boxes, agreeably to advertisement and the sample delivered at the rate of 4s. 6d. per box.

The Boxes now delivered by Mr. Greaves, appear in shape and size to conform with the sample; but the workmanship on the leather is generally coarse. The woodwork of the sample has not yet been seen by me: of course I cannot decide on the conformity of those delivered by Mr. Greaves with that part of the sample. In many instances the workmanship on the wood of those delivered, appears to be defective as in boring the receptacles for the Cartridges the partition between the two and sometimes more of them are cut away. How far an inconvenience may be suffered from this circumstance can only be determined by experience. I should judge that with ball cartridges it would be but trifling, but with cartridges of powder only, in hastily drawing one, perhaps two or three might be drawn at the same time.

By advertisement to receive proposals for furnishing these boxes, the straps were each to have a trap buckle. Mr. Greaves alleges that the buckles were to be dispensed with, and the straps to be made of different lengths, to accommodate the different sizes of men. I wish for the satisfaction of Mr. Greaves, that some of the members of the Board, would be pleased to examine some of the boxes which he has delivered.

I have, &c.

THOS. BRESSIE TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Informing that in September, 1797, as Escheator, he sold at auction 61½ acres of land near Portsmouth, the property of Jno. Bowness, a British subject, to Wm. North for \$851 on 12 months' credit. The said North having failed to pay at the end of the time, Thos. Bressie desires to be instructed how to proceed.

R. QUARLES TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Arsenal

Asking for an advance to Mr. John Dawson, the contractor, for supplies to the Garrison of three hundred dollars. Also a petition of Thos. Gray, artificer, and Wm. Cooper, soldier, for ration each for their wives. Petitions for the amount of two medical bills formerly sent in to be forwarded.

SMITH HOLLAND, ALEXANDER WASON, AND HENRY J. GAMBILL TO
THE GOVERNOR.

Asking the Governor's sanction to the formation of a Light Infantry
Company in the county of Rockingham, and commissions for themselves
as the officers. Also for a loan of 50 stand of public arms for the same.

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BENJAMIN HARRISON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending that commissions be issued to Smith Loffland as
Captain, Alexander Wason as Lieutenant, and Henry Jouell Gambill as
Ensign of a company of Light Infantry which is proposed to be enlisted
in Rockingham county, and likewise a loan of 50 stand of the public
arms for the same.

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BREUHEIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

i have send to you by Mr. j. page a copy of bills of Exchange Drawn
by g'ral Clark and Mr. H. Shannon, con'd't g'ral, in favour of Mr. rapi-
caull, to be paid by the State of Virginia. i have advance money to that
gentleman upon them bills Long time. Mr. page as given me hopes i
shall recovered. i should esteem it a particular favour if you will inform
me respecting that Business. i am, sir, with respect, your, &c.

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Philadel-
phia

JOHN DUNDAS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Thanking him for prompt reply to Memorial of the citizens of Alex-
andria. Suggesting in case of failure to obtain permission to use Craney
Island, that the White House, ten miles below the town, on the Virginia
side of the river, be taken as a Quarantine post. Also that another post
be established on land at Four Mile Run, and that some one be appointed
by the Common Hall to attend at this post authorized to administer the
oath when necessary; that the Mayor be appointed Superintendent of
Quarantine.

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Alexandria

Commission to Thomas Rowand as Second Lieutenant in Troop of
Cavalry in the Fourth Regiment and Fourth Division of Militia, the 20th
day of October, 1798.

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THOS. NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Norfolk Enclosing report of Dr. Read, the Quarantine Physician at Norfolk.
Recommending the payment of his account as just and moderate for the
service rendered.

JOHN CLARKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nov. 19 Certificate as to am't of cubic yards of earth removed from the foun-
dation of the manufactory of arms.

HARRY TOULMIN, S'CTY COM., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nov. 19,
Frankfort,
Kentucky Transmitting copy of sundry Resolutions entered into by the Legisla-
ture of Kentucky relative to certain measures of the General Govern-
ment.
[Copy not found.—Ed.]

E. C. DICK TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nov. 21 Enclosing an account for services as physician and Superintendent of
Quarantine at Alexandria, with cost of gun powder purchased by him,
\$259 50 for that service.

Nov. 23 A warrant asked by the Treasurer of the Hospital at Williamsburg,
by order of the Directors, on the Treasurer of the State for Four hun-
dred pounds.

B. H. LATROBE AND THOS. CALLIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nov. 28,
Richmond In compliance with your direction—"that the Architect and Superin-
tendent of the Penitentiary report upon the state of the building as to
its progress, and furnish an estimate of such materials as may be requi-
site for the completion of the same"—we beg leave to lay before you the
following statement:

1797.—At the close of the last season (1797) the Basement Story of
the East Wing, containing six solitary cells, a wash-house and store cel-
lar, had been carried up as high as the ground line (water table); all the
arches were turned and the centres struck.

The walls of the West Wing were raised to the springing of the arches,
and all the centres were made and put into their situations. The front

walls were built as high as the ground line, and considerable progress had been made in erecting the gate and the offices attached to it.

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1798.—The late unfavorable spring prevented the workmen from resuming their operations until the first week in May, and the very early and severe frost has obliged them to desist a month sooner than last year; but notwithstanding these disadvantages and the delay and inconvenience occasioned by the uncommonly heavy rains of the months of June and August, the work has proceeded with considerable rapidity, and is at present in a state of forwardness not much short of our expectations.

East Wing.—The east wing, which is intended for the confinement of female convicts, has been carried up from the ground line to the eaves of the roof.

The arches of the ground story and second floor have been turned, and the centers of the third story are made and in their places.

The ground story contains six solitary cells, the guard-room of the women's ward, and one work-room.

The second story contains four work-rooms, and the upper story four dormitories. A staircase is in the northeast angle.

The roof of this wing is finished, ready to be raised as soon as the upper arches shall be turned.

West Wing.—The arches of the basement story have been turned and the story compleated.

The ground story has been compleatly carried up and arched. Of the second story every part is erected excepting the north end. The west wing contains in the basement story the common dining-room for the men, to which the access is from their court. The whole wing may be appropriated to this use when their numbers may render it necessary.

The ground floor contains the kitchen, a bake-house, and an open arcade, the use of which is to admit air into the area of the building from the westward, the quarter from which the summer winds most usually blow.

Upon the second story is the infirmary for the men. These apartments are arched over and the wing would have been compleated this season had the weather continued mild as long as is usually the case.

The Gate.—The gateway is carried up to its utmost height and will be perfectly finished during the winter. It contains two lodges for a porter and guards, and on each wing a bath and store room—on the east for the women, on the west for the men.

The south walls are also carried up, and will in the course of the winter receive their coping and iron railing.

Men's Court.—Of the semi-circular building which is to contain the workshops, the dormitories, and the cells of the men, the foundations are laid and the external wall is raised to the height of five feet.

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The sewers are dug out and a road has been made from the city line to the gateway.

The smiths are at present employed in making the iron grates to the external windows, and during the winter will compleat all the work necessary to render the east wing and south front secure.

The carpenters have already finished a considerable number of window frames, and may during the winter compleat all the work necessary in the east and west wings. It is intended that all the external walls shall be lined with strong oak plank, thickly nailed. Much of the plank is delivered, and this necessary work will also be performed during the winter.

Most of the stone is already quarried, and much of it is delivered upon the spot. The experience of the present season and the nature of the brick has pointed out the necessity of a greater quantity of stone work than was at first intended, to the amount of \$850.

There are ready for the work of the next spring about 750,000 bricks upon the ground.

The expense of completing the work according to the design, will be as follows; we must, however, beg leave to suggest the fluctuating state of the prices of materials and labor, which has been already so much experienced, as liable to occasion uncertainty in our estimate. We have endeavored to be as accurate as possible, calculating from what has been done upon the expense of what still remains to be performed:

Brick work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£5,324.12.6
Deduct 250,000 brick already paid for at 38s.,										475.00.0
										£4,849.12.6
Stone work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	554.00.6
Carpenters' work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,997.00.3
Joiners' work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,204.13.1
Painters' work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	307.07.4
Plasterers' work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126.04.0
Iron work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,460.19.2
Finishing the keeper's house, independent of brick, stone,										
and iron work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450.00.0
										£11,949.16.10
										\$39,832 80

We have the honor, &c.

B. H. LATROBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dec. 9 Informing the Governor of having finished his work for the season at the Penitentiary house, and of an unexpected and urgent call to Philadelphia, compelling him to depart that night in anticipation of the leave of the Board till Christmas.

ROB'T PORTERFIELD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Recommending William B. Wallace for Superintendency of State Arsenals. 1798.
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IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Monday, Dec. 10th, 1798.

Resolved, That the Executive be and they are hereby empowered to purchase for the use of the Commonwealth, of Augustine Davis the late Public Printer, the blank Tobacco Notes he had on hand at the termination of his office, a provision of which was necessary to answer the current demand; and that they be moreover authorized to make him compensation for any public printing he may have performed between the conclusion of his year as Public Printer, and the appointment of his successor in that office. Dec. 10

Attest:

JOHN STEWART, C. H. D.

Agreed to by the Senate.

H. BROOKE, C. S.

JOSEPH GALLEG0 TO THE GOVERNOR.

A memorial setting forth the faithful services of Dr. Andrew Leiper as the physician of the Quarantine at the port of Richmond, and as his Executor asking a remuneration for his services commensurate with their value. Dec. 10

Certificate of Geo. Nicholson, Super't of Quarantine at the port of Richmond, that he appointed Dr. Andrew Leiper as examining physician during the late Quarantine, and in consequence of that appointment the Dr. attended punctually to his duty and administered to those unfortunate men who died, every assistance and attention in his power at the risk of his own life.

There was no sum stipulated for his services, and I understand he never made any charge against the State. It is therefore submitted to the Executive to grant such compensation to his Estate as they shall think proper.

Given under my hand this 6th Dec., 1798.

GEO. NICOLSON,
Supt. Quar. Post, Richmond.

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The administrator to the Estate of Dr. A. Leiper having requested of me to state the general Tenor of his services while he acted as Port Physician, I certify that on the 4th of Sep'r he visited on Board the sloop John, where there were three persons ill of the Yellow Fever. They had been in that state some days with only a boy to assist them, and who, when the Dr. went on board, were in a state of Filth past description; that he attended them constantly until their decease.

That there were twelve persons afflicted with the prevailing fever, ten of which died; that it generally took Dr. Leiper between three and four hours of time both morning and evening, and several times attended in the night; that he often had to visit on board twelve or fourteen vessels each day. I likewise certify that to relieve those that were ill he often assisted in cleansing and nourishing, and endeavoring by his example to put confidence in those who were to wait on them in his absence.

SAM'L MULFORD.

I certify that I performed Quarantine for 16 days at Hayes's Island; that I had a man on board ill with the then prevailing fever; that he was in so offensive a state that the danger of infection became almost certain. Nevertheless, Dr. A. Leiper attended him with unremitting attention morning and evening, intermixing in all his conduct the kind Friend and humane physician as I lay there. When the fever was most prevalent I had the opportunity of seeing him pay equal attention to all the afflicted.

JOHN SHEPPARD.

ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR.

IN THE SENATE,

Friday, December the 7th, 1798.

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The House proceeded according to the order of the day, by joint ballot with the House of Delegates, to the choice of a Governor or Chief Magistrate of this Commonwealth for one year; and the members having prepared tickets with the names of the persons voted for, and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Mr. Gambell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. McCarty, Mr. Newton and Mr. Haymond were nominated a committee to meet a committee from the House of Delegates in the Conference chamber, and jointly with them to examine the ballot boxes, and report to the House on whom the majority of votes should fall.

The Committee then withdrew, and after some time returned into the House, and Mr. Cabell reported that the Committee had, according to order, met a Committee from the House of Delegates in the Conference chamber, and jointly with them examined the ballot boxes, and found a majority of votes in favor of James Wood, Esquire.

Teste:

H. BROOKE, C. S.

Henrico County, to-wit:

I do hereby certify that I have this day administered the oath prescribed by law, to be taken by a Governor of this Commonwealth unto James Wood, Esquire.

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Given under my hand this tenth day of December, 1798.

W. FOUSHEE.

ELECTION OF A PUBLIC PRINTER.

IN THE SENATE,
Thursday, December 6th, 1798.

The House proceeded according to the order of the day by joint ballot with the House of Delegates, to the choice of a public printer for one year; and the members having prepared tickets with the names of the persons voted for and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Kennon, Mr. Redley, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Eyre were nominated a committee to meet a committee from the House of Delegates in the conference chamber and jointly with them to examine the ballot boxes and report to the House on whom the majority of votes should fall.

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The committee then withdrew, and after some time returned into the House, and Mr. Peyton reported that the committee had, according to order, met a committee from the House of Delegates, and jointly with them examined the ballot boxes and found a majority of votes in favor of Meriwether Jones and John Dixon.

Teste:

H. BROOKE, C. S.

SAM'L SWAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

[The following was communicated by the Governor to the General Assembly, December 11th, 1798.—ED.]

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LONDON, *10th September, 1798.*

In October last I sent from Boston Mr. Rodolph Eschmann to Liege, in Germany, where I knew arms were to be got the quickest and best, and made funds at Rotterdam for the purchase of the first 4,000 stands I had the honor of contracting with you for. I received letters early in last spring from Eschmann that the arms could be got immediately, but that as Liege had become a district to France they could not be exported. I then concerted a plan to get them to Holland as Dutch Government property, and then I was disappointed, as the exportation could not be made without the consent of their good allies, the French. Baulked in that second attempt and clothed with the second contract, I came hither in person with funds to purchase both parcels, not doubting the British

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would countenance the export, since the present urgent circumstances might tend in all appearance to use them against her enemies if France should take in earnest against us. Here again I am disappointed, as not a musket can be exported without consent of Government, and not one be made except for her use, as there is not a gunmaker of any consequence in Birmingham (where I have been) who is not engaged for his Majesty. The sacrifice of a quarter more than on the Continent, I thought nothing of, provided I could supply you in time. Advised by Mr. King, our Minister, I now go for Hamburg, and shall endeavor to get them from Denmark or the eastern parts of Germany, where he has addressed me, and no doubt I shall be fully supplied, but not so early as the first contract specifies.

This therefore prays your Excellency and the honorable Council of State to accord me three or four months for the first 4,000 stands after the 1st of January next, and one or two months prolongation of the second (which probably will not be needed). This I trust you will grant, as the delay has been caused by superior force or act of Government, and the sacrifices I have made in the expense of an extra agent, my own time and expenses, and the advance of a double capital in two countries, entitle me to your consideration, and I hereby notify you that it is probable I shall have before May next, 16,000 stands at Richmond.

I am, with respect, &c.

Enclosed extract of Mr. King's letter:

I could by great interest have obtained of the Government here the quantity of arms out of the town every way conforming to the contract, only the barrel bore 16 to the pound, and not 18, as the pattern carries. Does this make an essential difference, or will you permit me to make this deviation?

Extract of a Letter from Mr. King to Mr. Swan, 1st September, 1798.

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th ult., and am apprehensive that you will find it difficult to procure any considerable quantity of muskets in this country. The manufacture, tho' carried on by private persons, is subjected to such regulations that it must be considered as entirely in the hands of Government, which alleges that its own demands are greater than can be supplied by the English manufacturers, and upon this principle not only refused to permit the execution of foreign orders, but within a few months has imported a large quantity of muskets from the Continent. When we have the pleasure to see you in London it will be in my power to give you such information on this subject as will perhaps turn your attention to another quarter, from whence, as I learn, arms may be procured on good terms, in large quantities, and with expedition. An American convoy has lately sailed, &c.

I went to Margate and saw Mr. King, who advised to particular manufacturers on the Continent not under French influence, and there I go for them.

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WM. MASSENBURG TO THE GOVERNOR.

Enquiring if a company of Cavalry were recruited in Sussex county, whether the same could be attached to the Militia of that county.

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ELECTION OF A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

IN THE SENATE,
December 12th, 1798.

The House proceeded according to the order of the day, by joint ballot with the House of Delegates, to the choice of a Senator for this State in the Congress of the United States, in the room of Henry Tazewell, Esquire, whose term will expire on the fourth day of March next, and the members having prepared tickets with the names of the persons voted for, and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Mr. Hoomes, Mr. Kennon, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Carrington and Mr. Taylor were nominated a committee to meet a committee of the House of Delegates in the Conference chamber, and jointly with them to examine the ballot boxes, and report to the House on whom the majority of votes should fall.

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The Committee then withdrew, and after some time returned into the House, and Mr. Hoomes reported that the Committee had, according to order met a Committee from the House of Delegates, and jointly with them examined the ballot boxes, and found a majority of votes in favor of Henry Tazewell, Esquire.

Teste:

H. BROOKE, C. S.

IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 1798.

Resolved, That Henry Tazewell, Esquire, be appointed Senator of this State in the Congress of the United States for six years, from the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, he having been chosen such this day by joint ballot of both Houses of the General Assembly.

Dec. 12

Attest:

JOHN STEWART, C. H. D.

IN THE SENATE,
Friday, December 14th, 1798.

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 Dec. 14

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded by joint ballot with the House of Delegates to the election of the privy council or council of State in the room of Meriweather Jones, Esquire, who hath resigned, and the members having prepared tickets with the names of the persons voted for, and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Mr. Newton, Mr. Haymond, Mr. Royster, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. C. Taylor were nominated a committee to meet a Committee from the House of Delegates in the conference chamber, and jointly with them to examine the ballot boxes and report to the House on whom the majority of votes should fall.

The committee then withdrew and after some time returned into the House, and Mr. Newton reported that the committee had, according to order, met a Committee from the House of Delegates in the Conference Chamber, and jointly with them examined the ballot boxes, and found a majority of votes in favor of John Allen, Esquire.

THEOD'S HANSFORD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dec. 14 Soliciting the appointment of Notary Public, within the counties of King George and Caroline.

IN THE SENATE,
Friday, December 28th, 1798.

Dec. 28

The House proceeded, according to the order of the day, to the choice of the member of the privy Council, or Council of State, in the room of George C. Taylor, Esq., who hath resigned, and the members having prepared tickets with the names of the persons voted for and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Temple, Mr. Royster, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Kennon, and Mr. Eye were nominated a committee to meet a Committee from the House of Delegates in the Conference Chamber, and jointly with them to examine the ballot boxes and report to the House on whom the majority of votes should fall.

The Committee then withdrew, and after some time it returned into the House, and Mr. Peyton reported that the Committee had, according to order, met a committee from the House of Delegates in the conference chamber, and jointly with them examined the ballot boxes and found a majority of votes in favor of John White, Esquire.

Attest:

H. BROOKE, C. S.

IN THE SENATE,
Monday, December 31st, 1798.

The House proceeded, according to the order of the day, by joint ballot with the House of Delegates to the choice of a Treasurer of this Commonwealth for one year; and the members having prepared tickets with the names of the persons voted for and deposited the same in the ballot boxes, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Temple, Mr. Kennon, Mr. Strother, and Mr. McCarty were nominated a committee to meet a committee from the House of Delegates in the conference chamber, and jointly with them to examine the ballot boxes and report to the House on whom the majority of votes should fall.

1798.
Dec. 31

The Committee then withdrew, and after some time returned into the House, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee had, according to order, met a committee from the House of Delegates in the conference chamber, and jointly with them examined the ballot boxes and found a majority of votes in favor of William Berkeley, Esq'r.

H. BROOKE, C. S.

JOHN HADDEN AND WILL. WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting compensation for transporting bound copies of Acts of Assembly, Acts of Congress, Sturben's Mil. tactics, Militia Laws, &c.

Dec. 31

C. E. CLAUMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Soliciting the appointment of Major Commandant of Arsenals contemplated to be established by the State.

Dec. 31,
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